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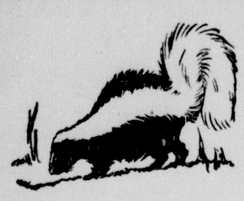

The P. C. Editor Says:

Christmas Day was a Happy Day and a Noisy Day at the editor's home with fourteen of our eighteen grandchildren there to be greeted by Santa Claus. All told thirty people dined at our table that day with plenty of turkey left for hash. These children and their parents were not forgotten on this occasion, neither were the Missus and I who were remembered by friends with flowers, candies, cakes and a liberal supply of quail. Long distance telephone messages wishing us health and happiness were greatly appreciated. It is great to live as long as we have and have such a fine lot of sons and daughters and grandchildren and we surely thank God for this blessing.

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C. L. Jones, supervisor of recreation for the WPA in Missouri, with headquarters at Jefferson City, was a Sikeston visitor Friday and while in the city paid The Standard office a substancial call.

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The December 24 edition of The Standard contained 32 pages and carried 245 different advertisements, one page alone carried 50 different advertisements, or a total of 2510 inches of live advertising. It required one ton of print paper to issue this edition and we hope the readers were as well pleased with it as was the publisher and the entire office force.

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We feel certain The Herald underestimated the number of Christmas cards printed in that office as The Standard office printed none and reffered at least fifteen thousand to that office. Why be so modest?

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Prof. Gaines Sunset School Band in their new uniforms did their bit for the Bundles for Britain by parading the business streets of Sikeston Tuesday afternoon to the Railroad Park where they gave a few numbers that drew a large crowd. The drum major and the majorettes stepped high, wide and handsome during the parade. The Standard office was honored with a serenade from the band while on parade.

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An inmate of the Nebraska Penitentiary hung up his stocking and left a note for Santa Claus, but old Saint Nick passed right on by. The note said: "Dear Santa—I don't want much. Just a couple of hacksaw blades and a road map back to Tennessee."

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Success, real success, not always is measured by the right yardstick. The Paris Appeal sums up the purpose of living very neatly when it says: "A lot of dead people get credit for having been successful in life just because they made a lot of money for their kinfolks to spend. No individual is really a success unless his passing is a personal loss to somebody, other than relatives. When at least one individual can truthfully say that life has been sweeter because of him, he has been a success though he leaves no estate at all."

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Harry Blanton, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blanton, upon seeing his cousin, Judy Blanton, 15-months old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Blanton, of St. Louis, for the first time on Christmas morning informed his mother that Santa Claus had left a live doll at their house.

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Tom Scott, warden of the Missouri Penitentiary at Jefferson City, was in Southeast Missouri the week end. It was reported he was feeling out the situation as to the proposed contest for Governor of Missouri, and that he said if the contest was made the Democratic party in the State was through. It seems the party is busted now and a contest will not divide the factions any worse than they are now. Tom has been on the losing side of everything that he has favored for the past several years and he is on the losing side of this contest because Southeast Missouri favors the contest if there is sufficient evidence to cause the same. We are told, too, that Tom is seeking the minority member of the Pardon and Parole Board, which is all right here.

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Colonel Blanton wishes to withdraw the offer to sell or rent a perfectly good Colonel's Uniform as it is uncertain at this time just who will be given the certificate of election as Governor of Missouri and he may be able to use it again.

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Mrs. David Blanton entertained at a dessert-bridge Saturday afternoon at her home on Tanner.

New Kiwanis Officials Take Office Jan. 1

Conway, Ark., Monday December 30: Hubert L. Minton, of Conway, governor-elect of the Missouri-Kansas-Arkansas Kiwanis district and all other 1941 officials will take office on January 1.

Mr. Minton was elected last October at the annual district convention in Topeka, Kans. Mr. William H. Bryan, of St. Louis, Mo., is the retiring governor.

In the Missouri-Kansas-Arkansas district there are 122 clubs with a merbership of 5,729, Mr. Minton stated, and in the United States and Canada there are 2,130 clubs with a membership of over 110,000.

The fourteen lieutenant governors who will take office this week are:

Missouri: Fourth P. Starr, Canton; Dr. H. M. Bankhead, Fulton; Thomas H. Baker, North Kansas City; Albert B. Duncan, St. Joseph; Dr. Guy N. Magness, University City.

Kansas: Edgar Williams, Fort Scott; Glenn V. Banker, Russell; Roy Omer, Salina; Russell C. Triplett, Troy; Paul H. White, Wichita.

Arkansas: Clint Jones, Fayetteville; T. O. Charlton, Paragould; Fred Moore, Pine Bluff; L. Cline Sears, Searcy.

Charles R. Frederick, St. Louis, is the district secretary; George W. Kirk, Sikeston, Mo., the district treasurer.

Other prominent Kiwanins who are members of 1941 international committees are: Calvin M. Keller, Moberly, Mo., (chairman) publicity; W. Donald Dubail, St. Louis, laws and regulations; Lloyd Chambers, Topeka, Kans., vocational guidance.

Dr. Charles B. Holman, of St. Louis, is a trustee of Kiwanis International.

Attend Game In New Orleans

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Barton and their son, Glenn, went to Collierville, Tenn., Saturday evening to spend the week end with Mrs. Barton's parents. Monday morning Mr. and Mrs. Barton, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Portis of Lepanto, Ark., departed for New Orleans, La., to spend several days and attend the Sugar Bowl football game on Jan. 1. Others from Sikeston who will attend the game in New Orleans are Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fisher, and Mr. and Mrs. David Barton and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Jolly of Catron.

Funeral Services For F. D. Hudson

Following a brief funeral service at the Welsh Chapel Thursday morning for Francis DeLaney Hudson, aged 82, the body was removed to Desloge, where services were held that afternoon in the Baptist Church, with interment in the Parkview cemetery at Farmington.

Mr. Hudson had been ill since he came to Sikeston on Nov. 27 to visit his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Stevens. He died at their home Monday night, Dec. 23, of complications.

Born Aug. 18, 1858 in Albermar County, Va., he moved to a farm near Desloge more than 40 years ago, where he remained until his retirement 10 years ago. Since them he had spent his time with his seven daughters, who survive. They are Mrs. Stevens of Sikeston, Mrs. W. L. Krekel and Mrs. B. F. Pigg of St. Louis; Mrs. Fred Hoskins, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Mrs. Ernest Grosche, Lake Arrowhead, Calif., and Miss Sally Hudson and Mrs. Raymond Winer of Los Angeles, Calif.

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VOGUE BEAUTY SHOP

Democrats Get Set for Contest Over Governor

Kenneth P. Middleton
in Kansas City Star

A summarized report of at least five types of alleged election irregularities in the recent gubernatorial vote will be presented to the Democratic state committee Monday, as a basis for a legislative investigation, state Democratic leaders revealed today.

Marion Hulen, Democratic state chairman, has called the state meeting at Jefferson City to acquaint that body with the results of extensive investigations of election fraud charges by party workers.

It is understood the state committee, after hearing the Hulen report, will vote on the question of submitting a request to the State Legislature Jan. 8, when the 1941 session convenes. It is considered a foregone conclusion the vote will be overwhelmingly affirmative.

RECOUNT TO BE ASKED

Then the next step contemplated by the state leaders, it was learned, will be to ask the county committees to adopt resolutions calling upon the Legislature to refuse to seat Forrest C. Donnell, Republican, as governor, pending a complete investigation and recount of the ballots.

Hulen has asked the county committee chairman to call simultaneous meetings in the various counties next Friday.

It is understood Hulen is having prepared a documented report showing thousands of instances of alleged election irregularities in the race for governor, in which Donnell, on the face of the official count, received 3,613 more votes than his Democratic opponent, Lawrence McDaniel.

The Hulen report, it was indicated, will show that several thousand ballots marked with the X in the circle at the top of the Democratic ticket had a line drawn through McDaniel's name and no other mark on the ballot.

It is the Democratic contention that these ballots were counted for Donnell despite the fact there was no X mark in front of Donnell's name. A party leader said today that Democrats maintain that the intention of the voters in these thousands of cases was to scratch McDaniel for some reason, but, being Democrats, they had no intention of voting for Donnell, the Republican candidate, and so did not put an X in front of his name.

'TOO MANY VOTES'

Another type of irregularity which it is understood Hulen will submit both to the state committee and subsequently to the Legislature, is that in a number of voting precincts over the state more ballots were cast than there were eligible voters.

Further, the charge will be made that in certain counties, normally Democratic, McDaniel was counted out in the vote tally at the close of election day. Post-election checks in these counties have shown that McDaniel would have carried them if the vote had been properly tallied.

The investigations also have shown, according to a, reliable source, that in certain Republican counties in the Ozark section, no regular polling places were provided. Republican county courts in those districts, according to the allegation, appointed Republican election officials, who conducted the voting in mass meetings, marking ballots for voters and failing to comply with election laws.

It is the charge that in certain Ozark districts the Republican election officials provided lunch for all comers, checked their ballots as they voted, and in some instances handed the voters a second ballot if they didn't get the job done "right" the first time.

HEAR OF SLUSH FUND

Still another complaint of the Democrats, it was indicated, will be that a huge slush fund was used by the Republicans to exert undue influence on voters in city wards and precincts.

Republicans, who at first scoffed at the idea of a Democratic contest of Donnell's election, today were admitting here and outside that it "looked like the Democrats mean business."

G. O. P. leaders still insist that Donnell was elected legally and say they will be ready to face any investigation, with some charges of their own, when the time comes.

Since the certification of election results is the first order of business Jan. 8 when the Legislature meets, it is now apparent that the demand for a gubernatorial investigation will be given first attention. The joint session of the House and Senate is expected to appoint a joint investigating committee.

Nobody knows how long such an investigation would take, but most leaders estimate at least three months.

In Police Court

Buddy Shoats, Freeman Harris and Bob Nolan were each fined with costs $16.85 for disfiguring the face of Ora Mae Lee by the means of a beer bottle in the hands of one of the trio that required 70 stitches to close the wound. All were colored.

Frank Meeks, colored, was assessed a fine with costs of $31.60 for beating up his common law wife, one Galantic Covington, in a bit of jealousy because his gal leaned over and talked with another man in the Golden Lillie picture show in Sunset Addition. Frank gave her a whipping after he got her out of the Golden Lily, then put her in his car, drove her out to the Salcedo Lane where he threw her out and stomped on her, so Galantic testified.

G. Wilson and Phil Hobbs, miners, were before the Court charged with breaking into the Goodwin & Jean Poultry house where they were charged with stealing 25 cents and a goose which they later sold back to Guy Carter, the manager. They likewise entered the Christian Church where they went through papers in the pastors study evidently looking for money. They were placd under bond with their parents to appear before the Circuit Judge at the next term of the juvenile court.

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EXTRA!

Jefferson City, Dec. 30

C. L. Blanton,
Sikeston Standard
Sikeston, Mo.

Contest for Governor of Missouri is on.

J. S. Wallace.

Held In Illinois Jail Charged With Forgery

L. O. Boatright, Wendell Brock and R. V. Wilson are held in jail at Marion, Ill., the two latter charged with forging the name of R. D. Clayton to two checks for $21.75 and $21.25. Boatright is held as an accessory as he was with Brock and Wilson. The $21.75 check was cashed at the Home Oil Co. while the $21.25 check was cashed at the Ralph Store west of town. Both checks were cashed December 24.

Requisition has been issued for their return to Scott County to stand trial charged as above.

The men are said to be truck drivers from Illinois.

H. M. Holmes Wins Contest

H. M. Holmes, local agent of Phillips 66, recently won a sales contest carrying a prize of $50. This is the second consecutive year that he was among the winners. This year the contest was based on sales of Lubeoils, Motoroils and greases, and covered September, October and November. The agents were divided into teams of eleven similar to football and sales scores were kept.

WPA Approves High School For Sunset

Information is at hand that the WPA project to build a high school building in Sunset Addition has been approved and the pencil sketch of the proposed building is in the hands of the Itner Architecturial Co. of St. Louis to prepare the finish sketch and working drawings.

The proposed building is to cost $45,000, the sponsors share, $18,000 is to be furnished by the Sikeston School District, the balance by the WPA.

The building is to contain six rooms, a gymnasium and auditorium, be of monolithic concrete construction and if the final plans are approved in Washington, it is hoped to have the building completed by September when school begins.

There are about 200 scholars enrolled in the colored school and it has been known for some time that a high school building would have to be provided so the school board decided the time had arrived to start the movement with the result that it was approved by the WPA headquarters at Jefferson City.

Striking Sentences of Roosevelt's Address

Washington, December 29.—Striking sentences from President Roosevelt's address tonight:

The nub of the whole purpose of your President is to keep you now, and your children later, and your grandchildren much later, out of a last-ditch war for the preservation of American independence.

Never before since Jamestown and Plymouth Rock has our American civilization been in such danger as now.

The Nazi masters of Germany have made it clear that they intend * * * to enslave the whole of Europe, and then to use the resources of Europe to dominate the rest of the world.

The United States has no right or reason to encourage talk of peace until the day shall come when there is a clear intention on the part of the aggressor nations to abandon all thought of dominating or conquering the world.

The experience of the past two years has proven beyond doubt that no nation can appease the Nazis. No man can tame a tiger into a kitten by stroking it.

There is far less chance of the United States getting into war if we do all we can now to support the nations defending themselves against the attack by the Axis than if we acquiesce in their defeat, submit tamely to an Axis victory, and wait our turn to be the object of attack in another war later on.

There is no demand for sending an American expeditionary force outside our own borders. There is no intention by any member of your government to send such a force.

The nation expects our defense industries to continue operation without interruption by strikes or lockouts.

All our present efforts are not enough. We must have more ships, more guns, more planes—more of everything.

There will be no "bottlenecks" in our determination to aid Great Britain. No dictator, no combination of dictators, will weaken that determination by threats of how they will construe that determination.

I believe that the Axis powers are not going to win this war. I base that belief on the latest and best information.

DANCE ORCHESTRA AT COTTON CLUB

Joe Gladley and his orchestra will be featured as entertainment at the Cotton Club on New Year's Eve and is heralded as one of the best organizations for modern dance music. A cover charge will be charged for that evening.

Lt.-Col. Talbert 35th Chaplain To Camp

Lieut.-Col. Robert M. Talbert, chaplain of the 35th Division, Missouri National Guard, received orders today from Gen. R. E. Truman, commanding officer, to report for duty at Camp Robinson, where the division is to be stationed, by noon, Dec. 29.

Col. Talbert said that 18 to 20 chaplains will serve with the division, including members of numerous denominations. Each division chaplain, he has been notified, will be provided with a 1½ ton truck and a public address system mounted on a trailer, suitable for gatherings for 2000 persons. These will be used for recreation and religion.—Southeast Missourian.

Carl Wedeking's Father Succumbs

Fred George Wedeking, 74 years old, died Saturday morning of a heart ailment, while visiting in the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wedeking on Vernon Avenue. He had suffered from the ailment before coming with his wife to spend the holidays in the son's home.

Mr. Wedeking was born in Lincoln, Ill., and had lived in Marble Hill for 19 years. He was a stationary engineer.

Surviving besides the wife are a daughter. Mrs. A. L. Herman of Chicago; one son, Carl Wedeking of Sikeston; a step-son, Walter Helms of Chicago and a step-daughter, Mrs. Goldie Mensing of Miami, Fla. Jimmy Wedeking of Sikeston is a grandson. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Marble Hill.

Parolled Last Week In Jail This Week

Wayne Howlett, 17-year-old of Sikeston who plead guilty in Circuit Court to burglary before Judge Kelly, was given a term of 4 years in the Reform School at Algoa, then parolled to Rev. J. W. Hoffert, Nazarene pastor, was again arrested Monday forenoon and placed in jail for stealing three used batteries from the Tanner-Kilgore Standard Oil Station. Later in the day he was taken to the Benton jail to await the actions of the Judge McDowell when juvenile court convenes.

This boy was inplicated in breaking into the H & H Grocery, Sikeston Lumber Co., Skelly Oil Co., Kellett Garage and the Reiss Dairy.

Eleanor Would Draft Girls, Too

New Brunswick, N. J., December 28.—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt said tonight that "every young person, boy or girl, should give a year's service to the nation."

"I believe work camps are good for us all," she told delegates to the International Students Service Conference at New Jersey College for Women.

"There is something valuable in using one's hands and working with other people. * * * I know people are afraid of making a thing like that compulsory because it seems like something the Fascist countries have done. But remember, everything we do must go through Congress."

The President's wife added that "most people do not agree with me."

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. M. SIMPSON

Mrs. Minnie Simpson, a resident of Sikeston for 35 years, died at her home Sunday about noon of infirmities. She was born in Farmburgh, Ind., 73 years ago.

Surviving her are three daughters, Mrs. Pearl Sutton of Port Byron, Ind., Mrs. Melvin Killian and Mrs. Lonzo Hazel; two sons, Miles and Paul Simpson; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Hezz Ozment and Mrs. Jack Powers; and one stepson, Irvin Simpson, all of Sikeston and vicinity.

Funeral services were conducted from the residence Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock by the Rev. O. S. Harris. Interment was in City cemetery with Ellise Service.

COMPLIMENTARY TICKET
SIKESTON STANDARD
This Ticket Will Admit
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crandall
—to the—
MALONE THEATRE
Tuesday, Dec. 31 to see
"San Francisco Docks"

Census of Missouri 188 Years Ago Showed 23 Persons in State

Returns of a census of Missouri taken 188 years ago when this state had 20 white persons and three Negroes within its borders instead of the 3,775,737 people it boasted in 1940 has just been uncovered by the National Park Service in its researches for the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial on the St. Louis river front.

The census record, hitherto unpublished, was found among the Loudoun papers in the Vaudreuil Manuscripts at the Huntington Library in California. It was taken at Ste. Genevieve in 1752. Ste. Genevieve, the oldest French settlement west of the Mississippi, would seem to have been but a new town then.

The census, by reason, of its character, casts doubt upon the conclusion of the late Houck that Ste. Genevieve was founded "at least as early as 1732," and that of Rev. J. H. Schlarman in his "From Quebec to New Orleans" and the history of Ste. Genevieve by Rev. Francis J. Yealy, S. J., which follows Father Schlarman in ascribing an even earlier date to the settlement.

EIGHT HOUSEHOLDS

At the time of the 1752 census eight householders are listed in Ste. Genevieve. They bear the names "La Rose, Antoine Obechon, Duboy et Truto, Ledoux, Antoin Eno, Jaques Chouquet, J. B. Beauvay and Bon, dit Simonfold," obviously as in Beauvay for Beauvais, in some instances incorrect. Broken down, the population consisted of seven men four women, three boys capable of bearing arms, four girls under 12 years of age, two laborers or apprentices (volountaires), two male Negro slaves and one Negro woman. Strangely enough, there are no widows.

These people collectively owned 16 oxen, 18 cows, 23 bulls, 12 jennies, 24 horses, four mares and 185 pigs. They had among them 14 guns, three measures of powder and seven measures of lead and balls.

And they cultivated 34 arpents of land, with a valuation by the census taker of 197 livres. Since the livre was worth 19.1 cents, the total value of the land was $36.627 in our money today, even to the 7 mills.

That, of course, doesn't precisely check with the theory of a settlement which had been developing for 20 or 30 years. It does accord precisely with the theory of a new settlement.

Houck, in his great History of Missouri, based his belief in the earlier settlement at Ste. Genevieve on the fact an old well stone in the ancient village of Ste. Genevieve located at the site of what are known as the "common fields" of the new or present town, had cut upon it the figures "1732", though whence it came, nor when, nor why has ever been unriddled. He believed the village must have been established before that date. Some sort of coroboration for that theory he found in Gov. Trudeau's report of 1798 that the village had existed "for more than 60 years," and more in the British Capt. Philip Pittman's travel comment of 1797 saying that the first settlers of Ste. Genevieve "removed about 28 years ago from Cascasquias" or Kankaskia.

EVIDENCE OF DATES

Father Schlarman, finding a letter from Cahokia to Quebec of 1732 reporting on a parish of St. Joachim, identified it as that of Ste. Genevieve which bears that name, and cites Rev. Philibert Watrin, S. J., writing in Paris in 1764 of his experiences with the Jesuits at Kaskaskia as saying that the Village of Ste. Genevieve had been established '15 years before" or in 1749. Father Yearly, who prefers the older date, thinks Father Watrin's memory may have tricked him, and feels that there was error, too, in two maps of 1755 (that of Billini from the Karpinski Collection at Newberry Library in Chicago, which Father Schlarman reproduces is one) which date the Village of Ste. Genevieve describing it as a "French village founded three years ago."

That would bring the date of the founding back to 1752—the year of the census which reveals it as a little huddle of cottages with less than 30 acres of land in cultivation.

The earliest contemporary references Houck could find to a village of Ste. Genevieve were in 1752—the year of this census. Applications were made that year for land adjoining the big common field and Francois Rivard, who made one of them promise to set aside ground for a church if it was granted. Actually—despite the reference to a St. Joachim parish in 1732—there is no record of a St. Joachim parish at Ste. Genevieve earlier than 1759.

EARLY PARISH RECORDS

But the early records of the parish do contain the names of some of those listed in the census of seven years before they begin. They are those of Jean Baptiste de Guire, called La Rose, who is generally agreed by the authorities to have been the founder of the village; Antoine Aubuchon and his family; Jacques Choquet, Louis Truto and Jean Baptiste Beauvais, Duboy, Ledoux, Autoine Eno and Bon, called Simonfold, have disappeared so far as the church records are concerned.

Next to the small holdings, and value of the land the eight Ste. Genevieve families held, the most significant fact revealed in the census is that there were no widows. Such a condition would seemingly be impossible in a frontier town. There were not infrequent accidents on the river, in mines or in the forest. There were dangerous animals, and even more dangerous Indians about. Ste. Genevieve was particularly afflicted by the robberies of the Osages.

"I have been informed by the people of Ste. Genevieve, who suffered infinitely the most," wrote Henry Marie Brackenridge, who spent a year of boyhood there, "that they were on occasions left without a horse to turn the mill." Peorias, Delawares, Kickapoos, Chickasaws and Cherokees threatened the villagers who could not always find safe refuge in their houses, for these warriors, unlike the thieving Osages, sometimes killed. Certainly a frontier village from 20 to 30 years old, and almost any frontier village except one newly founded would have listed a widow among its people 188 years ago.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Sports Corduroy

—Photo by College Bazaar

Lucky is the girl who celebrates a Cotton Christmas in this well tailored sports outfit, say college fashion authorities. Made for comfort as well as smartness, the corduroy skirt is equipped with a big pocket for carrying handkerchief and lipstick.

Parma Officer Shot to Death

Parma, Dec. 23.—Night Marshal W. T. Warmack, 43 years old, was shot and killed early Sunday morning on a street here and two other men, Deputy Marshall Ezra Allen. 27, and Jim Westfall, 67, a bystander, were wounded by gun fire.

Warmack died within five minutes after being shot. Allen and Westfall was taken to Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau, where it was said today their condition is not critical.

ACCUSED MAN GIVE UP

Shortly before noon today S. F. Boling, 46, a farmer who resides on the S. W. Barton plantation near Catron, surrendered to officers and was taken to the county jail at New Madrid for questioning in connection with the shooting. Boling is alleged to have fired the shots which fatally injured the officer and wounded the deputy and Westfall. Boling disappeared from the scene following the shooting.

He went to the plantation office shortly before noon and the owner, S. W. Barton, summonel Trooper John Tandy of the State Highway Patrol. Trooper Tandy went to the plantation and took Boling to the county jail. They were accompanied by Mr. Barton. Trooper Tandy said Boling made no statement about the shooting.

TOLD TO LEAVE TOWN

Officers investigating the shooting reported they learned that Warmack had wounded Boling earlier in the evening and later the officer told him to leave town and go home.

The shooting occurred on a street in front of the Missouri Theater. Allen, who was a short distance away, ran to the scene where he heard the shots and grappled with Boling, sustaining his wounds during the melee. Westfall, a bystander, was reported hit by a stray bullet.

The officer died on the street before a physician could be summoned. It was reported he was shot several times in the abdomen. An investigation was made by Coroner L. A. Richards, Jr., of New Madrid County.

Miss Maggie Porter, woman day marshall at Parma, said Mrs. Boling told Sheriff A. F. Stanley of New Madrid County that her husband had fatally wounded a man about two years ago in Arkansas. The family came to the LaValle community about two years ago. There are six children in the family.

Miss Porter said it was reported Boling was drinking and had been asked by Warmack while in a tavern to leave town and go home.

Diamond Field Hunted by W. P. A.

Atlanta, Ga.—The W. P. A. is digging for treasure in Georgia. Not for the horde of some legendary pirate, but for an even more fabulous cache—an elusive diamond bed that geologists are certain lies somewhere among the foothills of the Great Smokies.

For more than 50 years gold miners have been turning up an occasional diamond, panned from the mountain streams of North Georgia. Somewhere in these rugged hills, acording to Garland Peyton, state geologist, lies the mother lode—a "chimney" of once molten rock where nature manufactured the carbon crystals that men value so highly.

Discovery of this "chimney" is only one of the purposes of the Georgia geological survey, now being conducted by the W. P. A. More than 200 men are working on the survey, which will catalogue the state's mineral resources—locate and estimate the extent of deposits of iron, manganese, bauxite, and tin known to exist in Georgia.

North Georgia's mining history is studdied with exciting tales of diamond discoveries. Most of them were accidential, coming as the finders were prospecting for gold.

Because it is difficult to recognize a diamond in the natural state Peyton estimates that hundreds of the precious stones have been tossed aside in the rubble by Georgia sour-doughs.

As long ago as 1878 M. F. Stephenson, state geologist, predicted that Georgia would some day rank with Africa as a diamond producing country. Stephenson wrote that gold miners picked up the biggest stones because they were pretty, and sometimes brought them home for the children to play with.

The miners frequently noted the hardness of the sparkling stones. Stephenson described the case of one miner who crushed a huge diamond to dust on an anvil. He had heard they were so hard that they could be driven into iron, and he wanted to find out for himself.

Plans for Donnell Inauguration Set

Jefferson City, Mo., December 23.—Tentative plans for the ceremonies inaugurating Forrest C. Donnell as Governor of Missouri on January 13 were announced today by Adjutant-General Lewis M. Means.

The arrangements, Means said, are "subject to approval by a joint committee of the State Senate and House of Representatives to be appointd after the General Assembly convenes on January 8."

In addition to that routine formality, however, this year's inauguration plans face the added hazard of a possible contest of Donnell's election.

STILL INVESTIGATING

The Democratic State Committee still is investigating the November 5 returns which gave Donnell, a Republican, a 3613-vote margin over the Democratic nominee, Lawrence E. McDaniel. No announcement has yet been made whether the result will be challenged in the Legislature—an event which might postpone the inaugural ceremonies indefinitely.

The plans drawn up by Means call for an opening parade from the Governor's mansion to the Capitol in the morning, with Gov. Stark and Governor-Elect Donnell riding together, escorted by University of Missouri R. O. T. C. units. Also in the line of parade will be officers of the National Guard, the Army, the reserve military forces and members of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled Veterans organization.

The inauguration will be in the Capitol rotunda at noon, with the State Senate and House in joint session. Donnell will take the oath of office on two Bibles—one his, the other his wife's both having been in their possession since childhood.

A salute fired from the north lawn of the Capitol by an artillery unit of the University of Missouri R. O. T. C. will signal the taking of the oath.

Then Gov. Donnell will deliver his inaugural address and message to the Legislature.

There will be a military reception at the mansion in the afternoon, followed by reception of the public by Gov. and Mrs. Donnell and other elective officials and their wives at the executive office at night.

The concluding event will be the inaugural ball in the Capitol rotunda.

Safetygrams

BY FRED W. BRAUN
© The Safety Man

Do you believe in New Year's resolutions? Whether you do or not, you love life, and because of that you should resolve not only to keep that life, but also to protect the lives of others.

Therefore, why not make some very important New Year's resolutions for 1941 and live up to them? Here are a few suggestions:

1. I will be a safe driver by exercising care and by protecting the rights of others.
2. I will be a safe pedestrian.
3. I will not take foolish chances.
4. I will obey the rules of the road.

Of course, there are many more resolutions—important ones, too—that could be added to this list; but if everyone makes and keeps these four, our country will be a better and safer place in which to live.

Resolve now to do your part in 1941.

3 Die in Semo Car Crashes

Poplar Bluff, Dec. 26.—Three persons met death on highways in Southeast Missouri over the Christmas holiday according to reports to the Highway Patrol headquarters here.

Miss Mildred Stroup of Zalma, died while being taken to a Cape Girardeau hospital after being involved in an automobile accident Wednesday.

Paul Westerich, a pedestrian, was killed last night while walking along Highway 61 near Kelso.

An unidentified Negro while walking along Highway 60 near Wyatt Tuesday night.

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Shoots Wife and Her Escort

Kennett, Mo., Dec. 26.—Pokie Hollomon, 42 years old, operator of a pool hall and grocery at Pascola in Pemiscot County, is held under a charge of assault and intent to kill for shooting his wife, Pauline, and her escort, Gale Fields, both about 26, in a parked automobile at a tavern near here late Christmas eve.

The Sheriff's office here said Hollomon fired six .38-caliber shots pointblank at his wife and Fields, telling them as he fired "I've told you I'm going to kill you." Hollomon gave himself up immediately to Deputy Constable Stokes and was lodged in jail here. Four bullets struck Mrs. Hollomon, three entering her neck and one breaking her right arm. Fields was struck in the side and in the arm. At Presnell Hospital in Kennett their conditions today were reported to be as good as could be expected, but their recovery is still uncertain.

Hollomon, discovering his wife had left Pascola Christmas eve, hired Ballie Fields, Gale's brother, to take charge of the pool hall while he used Ballie's automobile to search for Pauline.

Gale Fields had been employed as cotton picker and had worked at gins at Pascola. No date has been set for Hollomon's preliminary hearing, pending the outcome of his victims' injuries.

14,766 COTTON BALES GINNED IN SCOTT

The Census report shows that 14,766 bales of cotton were ginned in Scott County from the crop of 1940 prior to December 13 as compared with 21,320 bales for the crop of 1939, according to T. E. Stallings special agent.

New passenger car sales during September, 1940, totaled 157,418 units, even though September is rated as the poorest selling month of the year.

Bot Treating To Start Soon

Treating of horses and mules for bots will get under way shortly after the first of January according to County Agent Teal, who has contacted veterinarians in the district and obtained assurance that costs would not exceed those of 1940.

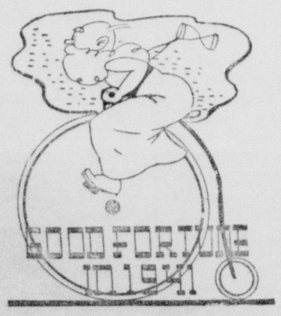
Two plans will be put into operation this year says Mr. Teal: One involves concentration of horses and mules at one point so that there will be 10 or more there to be treated at one time. The other plan will involve going from farm to farm on a route previously outlined, and with the horse and mule owners signed up in advance to have them treated on the day to be visited by the veterinarian.

In this case a farmer from that community will go with the veterinary to each point where the treatment is wanted.

In discussing the preliminary steps leading up to bot treating, T. A. Ewing, Animal Husbandry Specialist, pointed out at the livestock men's meeting in mid-December that the nits or bot eggs attached to the hair on horses and mules legs and bodies should be destroyed at once by using any common coal tar dip in proper strength, or by using kerosene diluted so not to burn the skin. This should be done at least two weeks before treating so that eggs which have been swallowed by the horse will have had a chance to develop. The treating work then causes the developed grubs to be expelled.

A series of community or township meetings at which the life history of bots will be shown with lantern slides is being scheduled for early in January. Dates and places for the meeting will be announced soon.

Dirty license plates, faulty brakes, "one-eyed" automobiles, and glaring headlights are called the "four horsemen" of lawless driving.



May this New Year be twice as happy as any you have had before . . . and believe us, we really mean it!

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Real estate, personal and merchants' taxes for 1940 are due and payable.

After January lst lawful penalties and interest will be added and collected.

Save money by paying your taxes before the last day of the present year.

C. E. FELKER
Collector

WASH-DAY SOCIABILITY

Into the general washtub, built of stone in the community square, go your clothes to be washed with those of your neighbors—if you happen to be a resident of a Guatemala village. The picture, courtesy of The Great White Fleet, United Fruit Company, shows women at their sociable swishing in an age-old "tub" on the rim of Lake Atitlan. A household washer would be as amazing to these women as this Guatemalan makeshift is to American woman with their fastidious natures and their 15,000,000 washers, total which is steadily increasing as more and more homemakers adopt this modern cleanliness method.

Step On Tuberculosis Stop Its Ravages

The serious problem that faces tuberculosis associations in the country is brought to light as reports show that tuberculosis again caused almost twice as many deaths last year as did motor vehicle mishaps, says D. E. Pratt, executive secretary of the Missouri Tuberculosis Association.

"News services reported last week that 61,609 persons in the United States died from the disease, while automobile accidents took 32,386 lives," he said.

"This is particularly important in view of the fact that the active campaign for funds to support anti-tuberculosis work closed Christmas Day. The returns to date from the sale of tuberculosis Christmas Seals by county associations in the state show that they are far from their needed goals to continue their campaigns of prevention during 1941.

"While individuals contributing have been generous, large numbers to whom Seals were mailed have not yet responded. It is supposed that holiday activities caused many to forget to mail their donations.

"Tuberculosis is far from being licked, though on the run. The only hope for a control program is an adequate fund from the Christmas Seal Sale. It is not too late to 'Help Yourself to Happiness by Helping Others to Health'. On behalf of all county tuberculosis associations in the state we are asking that people give whatever they can at this time to protect homes from tuberculosis."

Fragments of New Testament Found

Baltimore, Md., December 29.—A New York University archaeologist has announced discovery in Southern Palestine of some of the most extensive fragments of New Testament manuscript yet to come to light.

The announcement was made by Dr. Lionel Casson in a paper read at the closing session of the twenty-second annual meeting of the American Philological Association yesterday.

Dr. Casson said three fragments of manuscript were unearthed in the ruins of a church and monastery at Auja-Ei-Hafir, last village on the ancient pilgrimage route to Mount Sinai.

The fragments were unearthed by the Colt archaeological expedition in 1936, but were not indentified until this summer. H. Dunscombe Colt of New York was field director of the expedition.

The fragments are in Greek on papyrus. One consists of 30 consecutive pages of the Gospel according to St. John, another is from the same Scripture and the third contains scattered bits of the epistles of St. Paul.

Their date was placed as "apparently the late seventh century A. D."

Biblical scholars at the convention attached considerable importance to the fragments as possibly shedding more light on early Bible manuscripts.

Increase in Farm Benefits Proposed

Washington, December 28.—Demands for continuance of the existing farm program came from Senators in both parties today, and Senator Bankhead (Dem.), Alabama, said he wanted present benefits increased.

Bankhead, who has drafted much farm legislation in recent years, told reporters that further curtailment of crops probably would be necessary to avoid increasing surpluses. He said it therefore would be essential to raise present farm benefits.

The existing appropriation of $212,000,000 for parity payments, he declared, provides only about two-thirds of parity prices for various crops. Parity prices are based on the average for the prewar period, 1909-14.

LAST RITES FOR VANDUSER MAN

While attending a Christmas tournament in the Vanduser high school gymnasium Saturday night, George Washington Layton died suddenly of apoplexy. He was 75 years old.

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Monday morning from the Penticostal Church in Vanduser with interment in Morley Cemetery with Albritton service.

Survivors are the widow, Lena Layton, a daughter, Mrs. L. A. Pickard of Kennett, a son, Albert Layton of Vanduser, and four grandchildren, J. L. and L. A. Pickard Jr., of Kennett and A. J. and A. G. Layton Jr., of Vanduser.

Mr. Layton was a member of the Masonic Order.

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Many Farmers Find It Pays to Grind Their Feed Electrically

Even on small farms, home grinding can cut feed costs by $150 a year.

By IRA MILLER

Competent authorities estimate that the feed bill makes up 50 to 90 per cent of the total cost of livestock production. Therefore, the difference between profit and loss—between a successful and an unsuccessful year—for many farmers depends to a large extent on the economies or lack thereof they practice in the feeding of their poultry, cattle, hogs or sheep.

Extended tests in all parts of the country and under widely varying conditions have proved that it pays to grind many grains and roughages for most livestock. Among the advantages are: Reduces feed waste; encourages full feeding; aids digestion; maintains milk and meat production; makes it easier to mix feed; allows the use of less palatable feeds; and permits the feeding of roughage in self-feeders.

Although custom grinding by commercial mills still is an important industry, more and more farmers—especially with the ever-increasing availability of electricity—are grinding all their feed at home excepting, perhaps, a relatively small quantity containing ingredients they do not raise themselves.

Electrically grinding grain at home results in a cash saving of from $1.25 to $2.25 per ton, as the average custom grinder charges from 10 to 15 cents per 100 pounds whereas the cost of home grinding (even with electricity at 5 cents per kw.-hr., and allowing for depreciation, interest and repairs) is only about 4 cents per 100 pounds.

In addition to this tangible saving, there also is that of bagging the grain; loading it on a truck; journeying to the mill; unloading at the mill; waiting until the grain is ground; loading and making the return trip; and unloading and storing the grain at the farm. The cost of these several items is difficult to compute but, regardless of how little value the farmer places on his time, it constitutes an appreciable amount.

Grinding grain at home assures a fresh and constant supply at all times, and eliminates the inconvenience of leaving the farm when the weather is bad or during busy seasons. Another advantage is that inferior feeds, not worth the trouble and expense of custom grinding, can be profitably ground.

There is a size and type of grinder to meet the feed and price requirements of every farm, be it small or large. Electrical power is by far the cheapest and most convenient for home grinding, particularly if the motor is portable and can be used for other farm chores. Ask the extension division of your state college or university, or the various manufacturers, for advice and help on your feed grinding problems.

Occupied France Again Gets Soap Promise

Vichy, France—Occupied France which has been almost without soap since September, may obtain some soap next month, the government promised today.

It was said soap rationing would be started Jan. 1. However, soap was promised also in November and December.

Household stocks of soap have long been exhausted.

Among popular substitutes for soap is fine sand.

BLUE JAY VALETS

Blue jay "valets" are doing a nice job of keeping the deer of the Santa Barbara Mountains contented, according to foresters of the Los Pedros National Forest, California . . . as the animals emerge from the mountain brush each morning and evening to drink and browse, the jays fly from the liveoaks and sycamores and go briskly to work removing the ticks which infest the deer . . . campers and others who have seen the birds at work are of the opinion that each bird has a particular deer under its care, for the practice seems to be invariably one bird to a deer.

Farmers near Sunnyside, Mo., in Ralls county, have joined with Sheriff George Biggs in a lion hunt. Two full grown mountain lions and two cubs are reported to have been seen in the neighborhood. A number of horses and cows have been killed by some sort of animal, residents reported to Conservation Agent Walter Hafner, and tracks have been found which could be those of a mountain lion.

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

This is the most important column of the year.

A few months ago I wrote about the number of requests we have received for pictures of the various points of interest visited on our "SEE AMERICA FIRST" tour to date. At that time I stated that these requests were being answered personally, but that sometime in the future it was our desire to republish all the past stories in book form, together with ten pictures showing outstanding scenes of each story.

That time has now arrived. The material has been assembled and copies of "Your Trip and Mine" are now ready for distribution.

There will be four editions of this book; one published yearly throughout the four years necessary to complete this tour. Each, in addition to the 52 stories and 530 pictures, will contain 4 pages for notes and pictures of your own week end trip or vacation.

As this tour will cover our 88 national parks, state parks of mention, outstanding points of a scenic and historical nature, and current events of national prominence, we believe the four publications of this book will comprise the most complete travel data of the North American Continent that has ever been compiled.

Here are a few of the things you will see in the first edition—Pictures of Death Valley Scotty's six-million-dollar castle, built in a remote section of the desert and believed to hide Scotty's famous gold mine.—Views of ghost city Rhyolite, Nevada; a former city of 12,000 now inhabited by eight people. This is the town with the five-room house built completely of beer bottles.—Scenes of the Winchester Mystery Home, near San Jose, California. World's largest residence, cost five million dollars, 38 years under construction. —Tombstone, Arizona, with its famous Boot Hill Cemetery; Grand Canyon; Boulder Dam; Zion National Park; Bryce Canyon; Buffalo Bill's grave on Lookout Mountain, Colorado; scenes of both world's fairs, and thirty-nine other stories with 390 pictures to illustrate them.

Naturally, such a book is costing a considerable amount of money to publish. However, through the co-operation of your newspaper, readers of this column may secure a copy at a fraction of its retail price.

Clip one "Trailer Vagabond" story (this one is OK) from your newspaper and mail with 25 cents in coin to Continental News Service, 815 So. Hill Street, Los Angeles, California. Be sure and give your name and address together with the name of your newspaper. You will receive your copy immediately.

If you don't agree that the book is worth at least four times your cost, return your copy and your 25 cents will be cheerfully refunded.

Trailer Vagabond is furnished The Twice-A-Week Sikeston Standard through the courtesy of Kirk-McCoy Hardware Co.

Kiwanis Club Activities

The Kiwanis Club held its regular dinner meeting Friday evening at the Palace Cafe. Miss Ruth Hollingsworth entertained the group with reading, which everyone enjoyed very much. E. L. Corbin, a new resident of Sikeston was an invited guest at the meeting.

The next meeting will be held January 3 at the Palace Cafe.

Top mincemeat pies with tree-shaped pastries. Cut the "trees" out of rolled-out pastry, bake on cookie sheets in hot oven until lightly browned, then place on the baked pies. Spread each tree with cheese spread for an added touch.

A cotton canvas tent makes an ideal Cotton Christmas gift for the outdoor-minded son of the family. Dad may want to borrow the tent when he goes on his next week end hunting or fishing trip.

USED CAR VALUES

1926 Ford T. Tudor	$15
Ford Model A Roadster	$25
1933 Chevrolet Coupe	$75
1934 Ford Sedan	$145
1935 Chevrolet Coach	$175
1935 Ford Coupe	$175
1935 Ford Tudor	$175
1935 Plymouth Sedan	$175
1936 Ford Tudor Touring	$195
1937 Ford Tudor Touring	$295
1939 Ford DeLuxe Tudor	$495
1939 Mercury Sedan	$595
1940 Ford Coupe	$575
1940 Mercury Sedan	$735
PICKUPS	
1936 International Pickup	$95
1935 Ford Pickup	$175
1936 Chevrolet Pickup	$165
1937 Ford Stake Pickup	$275
1939 Ford Pickup	$395
1939 Plymouth Pickup	$395
TRUCKS	
1933 Chevrolet Truck	$50
1935 Chevrolet Truck	$95
1936 Chevrolet Truck	$135
1937 Dodge 157" Truck	$295
1939 Ford 134" Truck	$395
1940 Ford C. O. E. 7:50 fronts 8:25 rear duals.	
TRACTOR and TRACTOR	
Oliver Tractor	$225
John Deere 4 wheel trailer	$50

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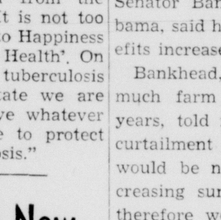

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We desire to think everyone who has patronized us during the past year and to ask for a continuance of you business during 1941.

Highway Pontiac Sales
Highway 61 South and East Gladys

WE THANK YOU

To our Farmer Patrons and all other friends, we extend our grateful thanks for their patronage and friendship during the past year.

It was a good year. We had a nice business. But most of all, we are thankful for the fact that we are able to serve the Farmers of this good district and to know that they keep coming to us to supply their farm machinery needs.

The satisfaction of our customers is our pleasure.

We hope that during the coming year a full measure of Happiness and Prosperity may be the lot of all who read these lines.

Sikeston Tractor and Implement Company
Ernest Hedden, Manager

LET US HELP YOU MAKE IT A SUCCESS!

Start off the New Year resolving to take advantage of our many services.

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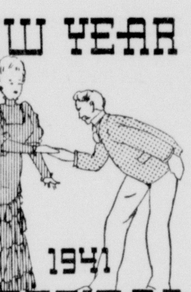
We Give Eagle Stamps



We thank you for your patronage during 1940. We look forward to your continued good will in 1941 and for many years to come.

Kirk-McCoy Hardware Co.
We Give Eagle Stamps

We Wish A Very Happy New Year to Everyone

It has been our good fortune to associate and to do business with the finest folks in this or any other community, and the spirit of the season brings renewed appreciation of old associations and the value of new friends.

At this time, we wish to tell how much we appreciate the courtesy you have shown us in the past, and we sincerely appreciate your friendship and good will and we hope the pleasant relationship that has prevailed, will always continue.

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MOREHOUSE NEWS

Jack Burks of Fort Knox, Ky., spent the Christmas holidays here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jake Camboon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilkins and small son, Jimmie Wayne, were guests of Mrs. Wilkins' mother, Mrs. Ethyl Holder, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Mitchell of St. Louis spent the past week visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Cain.

J. L. Cox, who is attending the Southeast Missouri Teachers College at Cape Girardeau spent the past week here, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Cox.

Howard Hight, who is in C. C. C. camp in Iowa, spent the Christmas holidays here, with his mother, Mrs. Joe Hight.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Wilkins and baby daughter of New Madrid spent Christmas day here, with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Sullivan and Miss Norma Cook of Sikeston spent Wednesday here with Mrs. Sullivan's and Miss Cooke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cooke and family.

Fonnie Blaylock of Cleveland, Ohio visited his mother, Mrs. Anna Blaylock, the past week.

Jim Wall, who is employed in Blytheville, Ark., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wall.

Miss Lilly Heyde, an instructor in high school here, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Heyde of Jackson.

Miss Flora Hart is visiting her mother in Memphis, Tenn.

Norman Crumpecker, who is employed in Blytheville, Ark., is spending a few days here, with his father, Wm. Crumpecker.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wallace and daughter, Hazel Lou of Sikeston spent Christmas day here with Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rhines.

Mrs. Hazel Triggs of Effingham, Ill., is spending this week with her mother, Mrs. Joe Hight.

Floyd Kane was a Sikeston business visitor Saturday.

Robert Thornburgh of Tiptonville, Tenn., spent the past week here with his wife and small daughter.

Believes Strict Law Enforcement Will Lower Traffic Toll

In the opinion of V. F. Crowe and sons, head of Highway Pontiac Sales, Pontiac dealership, strict law enforcement is the answer to traffic's toll.

"Highway casualty statistics indicate the principal cause and the obvious cure for the appalling automobile death toll in the United States," said Mr. Crowe. "Details furnished by the National Safety Council disclose the major cause of fatal accidents is reckless or incompetent driving, and that more than two-thirds of all fatal accidents involving pedestrians are due to violations of the traffic laws. There are laws enough on the statute books, but they are not strictly observed or enforced."

Only 8 per cent of the fatal traffic accidents in 1939 were caused by defective vehicles, the Pontiac dealer reported when interviewed yesterday. Only 4 per cent were attributable to highway or road surface factors. Thus, the overwhelming proportion of automobile accidents and deaths due to law violation should shock and astound all thoughtful people, according to Mr. Crowe.

"It is incomprehensible that the American people are utterly indifferent to their own lives and property and completely callous to more than 30,000 unnecessary deaths every year," Mr. Crowe declared. "Few American homes have been spared the loss of relatives or friends as the result of traffic accidents."

"The American motorist is not purposely or intentionally a potential murderer, and the American pedestrian is not purposely or intentionally bent on suicide," Mr. Crowe explained. "But both motorist and pedestrian easily form foolish and dangerous habits. When these are not restrained or punished, they quickly become the usual and general practice."

Violations of traffic laws are the most easily detected and the most easily punished of all illegal acts, the Highway Pontiac Sales boss believes. If apprehension could be made certain and punishment inevitable and in proporation to the offense, the highways and streets would be almost completely free of deliberate traffic law violations in an incredibly short time, he contends.

"Beyond any question, most of the more than 30,000 American lives doomed to be lost in highway accidents this year could be saved by honest enforcement and strict observance of the existing laws," Mr. Crowe observed.

LORD NELSON'S GRANDSON LIVES QUIETLY IN MAINE

Dennysville, Me.—In this quiet town 3,000 miles from Europe an 80-year-old man eagerly watches for news of the war.

His concern is deeper than most Americans'. He is Horatio Nelson Lund, grandson of England's Lord Nelson.

Lund has great faith in Britain's ultimate victory. He sees success because of the sea power which his ancestor built to greatness.

Father of 24 children, Lund operates a sheep ranch near the Atlantic Ocean. Lund says the blood of his grandfather must run very strongly in his veins because all his life he has lived near the sea.

BELL CITY MAN DIES

Arthur Garfield Kirtley died Wednesday, Dec. 25 at Bell City, Mo., where he had lived for the past four years. He was born Oct. 3, 1882 at Center Ridge, Ark., where services were held Friday afternoon, Dec. 27, at 1:30, followed by interment in the Grandview Cemetery at Grandview, Ark.

Surviving are the widow, Pearl Kirtley of Bell City; two sons, Willie, of Brassfield, Ark., and Truman, of River, Mo.; and two daughters, Mrs. Reba Hutchins, Hunter, Ark., and Mrs. Elsie Hooks of Bell City. Fourteen grandchildren also survive.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Sermon subject for Sunday morning will be "One More Year".

Sermon subject for Sunday evening will be "We Have Not Passed This Way Before".

Sunday School at 9:30.

N. Y. P. S. at 6:30.

A Watch Night Sunday School Zone Rally will be held at Caruthersville on New Years Eve. Churches participating are Cape Girardeau, Charleston, Bell City, Morehouse, Matthews, Wardell, Caruthersville and Sikeston.

J. W. Hoffert, pastor.

WONDER IF THE GRAVEL DIGGERS WERE "UP" ON THEIR HISTORY

'Tisn't the Spanish Main alone but the Mississippi River which has its reported hidden treasure and pretty soon Dillman Industries boats may be digging sand and gravel mighty near where that treasure is supposed to be located.

The local concern has asked the U. S. Engineers at Memphis for permission to remove sand and gravel from three islands in the river a short distance below Cairo.

The hidden treasure connection dates back to the fag end of the Civil war. At that time a boat, carrying $3,000,000 of government funds, caught fire and burned at the foot of one of the islands from which Dillman's wish to dig sand and gravel, according to more or less legendary history.

And, so far as is known, the iron chest with its treasure of three million "iron men" has never been found.

All of which suggests the Big Muddy might possibly—just possibly—give up a few shekels. At any rate, we'll wager any indication of a heavy, metalic object in the sand will light up the faces of the gravel diggers.—Caruthersville.

CELEBRATES 48TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

A surprise party was given William L. Hutchason Friday night at the Coca-Cola plant in honor of his 48th birth anniversary. A birthday cake holding candles was a feature of the refreshments, especially as there were seven more candles than anniversaries. The party was arranged by Mrs. Hutchason and Milburn Arbaugh. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Yarbrough, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pope of Cairo, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Doff Bonifield, Charleston, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Doc Napper, Springfield, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mackley and daughter, Madeline of Blodgett; Mrs. Majel Henderson of Flint, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. M. Arbaugh, Miss Sylvia Arbaugh, Taylor Miles, Miss Marshall, Miss Rosemary Putnam, Miss Bettye Ruth Limbaugh, Loomis Mayfield Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Bob Darter, Rex Wyatt, Marvin Markert, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wyatt Jr., Jim Wyatt, Mrs. M. E. Wyatt, Adamae and Leslie Hutchason.

HEUISER FAMILY CELEBRATE XMAS

For the first time in fourteen years all members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Heuiser Sr., spent Christmas day together. The celebration was held at the family residence west of Sikeston and included a dinner at noon and exchange of gifts in the afternoon. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Heuiser, their children, Wilma, Arnold B., Carl D., and Waymouth Ann; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Heuiser and daughter, Ruth; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Heuiser Jr., and children, Violet and Charles; Mr. and Mrs. John Hodges and children, Margaret, Gerald, Marine, Warren and Carol Fay; Mr. and Mrs. Wes Schuchart and children, Donald and Barbara Ann; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pratt and the former's father; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Alcorn and children, Jimmie and Patsy; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fletcher and daughter, Beverly Bell of Westville, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heuiser and son, Arlyn of Edwardsville, Ill.; Miss Betty Jo Crowell and Miss Edwine Shelby of Morehouse. Evening guests included Miss Ann Johnson of near Sikeston, George Alsup of East Prairie and Willard Heil of Mt. Carmel, Ill.

"I want some arsenic for my mother-in-law."

"Have you a doctor's prescription?"

"No—but here's a photograph of her."—Montreal Star.

★ FASHION PREVIEW ★

A white Crown Tested rayon dress, with a swirling silver jacket like the radiator of the Lincoln Zephyr Sports Sedan, designed by E. T. Gregorie, head of the Ford Motor Company's Designing Department. The dress and white plastic bag feature the Lincoln Zephyr V motif.

SCREEN GUARD PROTECTS GUTTERS

A common maintenance cost which claims a place on almost every home owner's budget at this time of year is that of cleaning out downspouts and gutters which have become clogged with leaves and debris.

A wire screen of either galvanized steel or copper can be fitted over the top of the gutter to keep out leaves or trash without interfering in any way with the flow of water. A specially designed screen of reinforced quarter-inch wire mesh which can be snapped into place is now available. This device, which eliminates the use of nails, screws, and rivets, may be installed under the Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration.

BUNDLES FOR BRITAIN GIVES BICYCLE

Christmas Eve afternoon the local chapter of Bundles for Britain gave away the bicycle that was displayed in the window of the Sikeston Production Association on Center Street. The award was made in Railroad Park, to Joe Crouthers of Route 2, Sikeston. Before the bicycle was given away Professor Gaines and his school band from the Sunset Addition, entertained the crowd with several musical numbers.

Pete—Did you say Helen was dumb?

Tubby—Dumb? Why, man, she thinks the organ grinder works for the money because the monkey collects the money.—Los Angeles Times.

Rich plum pudding, circled with flaming brandy, is an impressive Christmas dessert when brought into a darkened dining room. The pudding is placed on a deep round platter and the brandy is allowed to turn until just a small amount remains.

May the coming New Year
Be the happiest you've known.
We could wish nothing better
Than a Farm of YOUR OWN.

S. B. HARDWICK
Farm Merchant
Sikeston, Missouri

THE BELLS TOLL HAPPY NEW YEAR

Ring out the bells that proclaim a New Year! Ring out, for peace, contentment, achievement. We join you in greeting 1941 with every wish for all that's good.

ATLAS LIFE SOCIETY
Welsh Funeral Home

New Year Greetings

May the cheer of the year . . . May the best of the good.
May contentment and joy come your way

1941

We desire to express our appreciation of the large amount of Sinclair Gas, Oils and Greases bought by auto owners in this section during 1940, and will appreciate a continuance of this patronage.

R. T. SIMPSON
Agent Sinclair Refining Company

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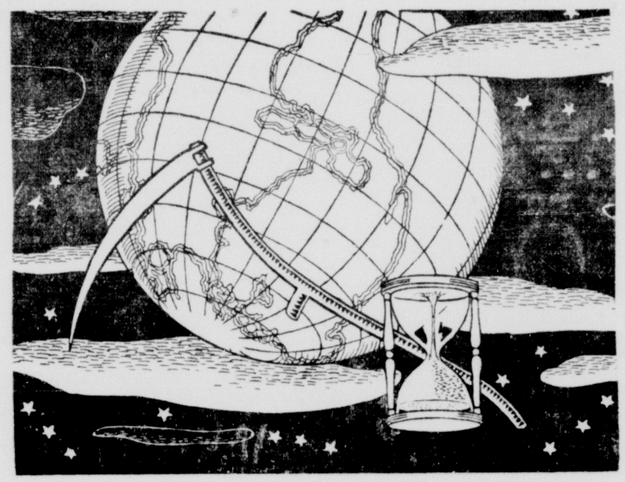
South "Y"

OF MANY THINGS ● AND TIME



It is only natural that we should come to feel that all that's new is brighter. The poet, singing of time, wails the fleeting moment; the artist, painting beauty, takes youth all through life we are reminded of the glow, the hope, the ambition that is traditionally the heritage of youth. And all admire it.

But a passing year reminds us of the priceless quality of age. A tree, century-old roots wrapped deep in the earth that nurtures it; a strong old house, its very walls imbued with the dignity that only age can bring; the earth itself, the universe . . . each a tribute to a different quality of age. Yet each adds to the wealth of age some of the gifts of youth; a new hope for the universe, a shoot of bright new green for an ageing tree, the laughter of children in ancient house. And, combined, they cannot but come close to perfection.

Such must be the development of a sound bank, a constant merging of what is traditionally sound with the foresight and progress that is new. Such, for fifty-four years, has been the history of the Bank of Sikeston.

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Music by BEN BRADLEY and His ORCHESTRA, 10 MEN AND A MAID

ADMISSION $1.00 PER PERSON—DANCING 9:30—FREE NOVELTIES.

ORAN NEWS

Mrs. Otis Bryeans shopped in Sikeston Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Bernard and Mrs. Chas. Carter were Sikeston visitors Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Willene McCray who is attending business college in Memphis came home Thursday for the holidays. She was accompanied by the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Davenport of Osceola, Ark.

Millard Henry is the name chosen for the 9½ pound baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brinker Wednesday night, December 18th.

Clyde Mason had business in Chaffee Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Driskill went to St. Louis Monday to spend the holidays at the Meinbery and Finley homes.

Mrs. Catherine Hancock came Sunday from St. Louis to spend Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jas. De Priest.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brooks and Clarence Carr of Festus came Sunday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Francis spent a couple of days this week with relatives in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Marshall of St. Louis are expected Saturday to spend the week end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Powell Marshall.

The grade school pupils gave an interesting program Friday afternoon in the high school auditorium.

Mrs. Della Poe was on the sick list Sunday.

Lawrence Bernard who has been stationed at an army post in Kansas has been transferred to Jefferson Barracks to train 200 enlisted men. He spent Sunday of last week with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Crofton of Wentzvele came in Saturday to spend Christmas with home folks.

Mrs. Reberry of Mountain Grove is here visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Benson.

C. C. Myers was acting marshall Sunday substituting for Marshall Claude Wood who with his family spent Sunday in Portageville with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kelly and Andy Metz were business visitors in Cape Girardeau last week. Mr. Metz who was a hospital patient a number of weeks, still reports to his physicians.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stehr and Mrs. Irene Miller had business in Cape Girardeau last week.

Miss Dorothy Sturgeon left Friday night for Miami, Fla., to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Stehr expect to move shortly from their farm west of town to their home in town.

Several of the houses in town are beautifully decorated. Among those especially pretty are the homes of Postmaster and Mrs. Bryeans and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Womack.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Finley and daughter, Parnelia Sue, came down Sunday night from St. Louis to accompany Mrs. Finley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Driskill to the city for a several weeks' visit.

Murray Myers came in Sunday from Washington, D. C., to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Myers.

Frank Neal came in from Iowa Sunday night to spend Christmas with his family.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR KINDERGARTENERS

Mrs. Alfulte's entertained her kindergarten pupils on Tuesday of last week with a trip to Cape Girardeau to interview Santa and talk over the radio. The little people who went were Carole Jeanne Womack, Lila Vogel, Patsy Shively, Eileen Mattingly, Shirley Ates, Shirley Halford, David Marshall and Jimmy De Priest. T. Le Roy Heisserer, Gene Brockett, Kent Henson, Joan Stuckey and Theresia Guymon who are first grade school pupils accompanied them. Mrs. Benson, Mrs. Shively, C. L. Halford and Mrs. Alfultes furnished transportation for the little people who had a glorious visit with Santa.

Friday afternoon Mrs. Alfultes entertained the nine kindergartener's with games and at 5:30 served a delicious lunch of potato chips and olives, cookies, soda and candy. The little people had a delightful time and after refreshments exchanged gifts, before going to their homes. Mrs. Alfultes is very successful in her work with the children, having taught for several years before her marriage.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT AT METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday night the Methodist Sunday School gave their annual Christmas program, consisting of the story of the Wise Men and the coming of Christ. Miss Betty Barnes was reader and the white robed choir sang the beloved Christmas hymns. At the close of the program the children were given a treat of candy and oranges. A good sized crowd was present and enjoyed the candle light service.

MORLEY NEWS

MORLEY STUDY CLUB MEETS

The Junior and Senior Study Clubs met Friday night at the home of Mrs. Beulah Emerson. Mrs. Lutie Leslie and Misses Billie Looney and Beatrice McMullin were assistant hostesses.

Mrs. Alford Byrant was leader of the program. Those assisting her were Mrs. Gladys Cummins, Mrs. F. L. Sisson, Mrs. Ella Stallings and Miss Emma Beardslee.

Christmas gifts were exchanged after the program.

Mrs. Zona Stephnson, who is employed at Ironton is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Irvin.

Miss Margaret Thatcher is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. James Managan at St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Watson of East Prairie visited Mrs. Josephine Watson Sunday.

Hal Phillips and Miss Esther Campbell of St. Louis are visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Campbell.

Mrs. G. D. M. Gupton is ill at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hue May of East Prairie visited Mrs. Lizzie May the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry and children of Chaffee visited Mr. and Mrs. George Shores Saturday.

The Baptist Missionary Society met last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Alford Byrant.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Halley and Mr. and Mrs. Ben July of St. Louis were called here Monday by the death of Dudley May.

Miss June Commins who has spent the past few months with Mr. and Mrs. Rex Boyce at Hollywood, Calif., returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Butler of Sikeston visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Irvin Sunday.

Miss Frances Hufford of St. Louis is visiting Miss Camille Emerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunny McFerron and daughter of Sikeston visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beardslee Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cummins of Sikeston visited Mrs. Cynthia Cummins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Williard Sullivan and children of Cape Girardeau visited Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lee Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Sisson and son are visiting at Bowling Green.

Mrs. Alden Pinney of Benton was a visitor here Sunday.

Mrs. W. M. Foster and children were in Cape Girardeau Monday.

Miss Mary Ellen Miles of Farmington is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Miles.

The Morley Girl's Basketball Team defeated the Blodgett girls' team Friday night 16 to 25. The Blodgett boys' defeated the Morley boys' 16 to 22.

Will Make Refunds To Members

The New Madrid County Farm Bureau Executive Committee voted to make a ten per cent refund or patronage dividend to Farm Bureau members after November 1, 1941, on purchases of hog cholera serum and other supplies of a similar nature at its meeting last week.

The refund period will extend from November 1, 1940, for twelve months, but refunds will not be issued until at the end of the period.

The committee also voted to hold the annual meeting on the afternoon of January 16, at which time a new constitution and by-laws will be adopted, and officers elected for 1941.

Membership solicitors are to be invited in for a session on the night of January 3, to make final reports and be given special consideration for meritorious service. A total of 420 members were reported to the Executive Committee, taking into account 380 on the roll, and 40 secured in New Madrid township, but not yet turned in by Wm. Dawson, Jr. Members of the committee feel that the goal of 500 members, will be reached by January 3.

The Executive Committee meeting was presided over by Mrs. H. G. Cathey, vice-president, with C. O. Hawkins in the secretary's chair, and V. E. Hammock, Wm. Dawson, Jr. Mr. H. G. Cathey, Mrs. C. O. Hawkins and County Agent Paul H. Teal also present. President Arline Avery and J. W. Daugherty were represented by Proxies.

FOR INSPIRATION—THIS

Perhaps you've heard of the mother who objected to her strip-dancer daughter doing jobs at smokers for fear she'd get the tobacco habit.

"I'd be willing to bet that your life has been full of mistakes," said the bachelor to the old maid.

"Well, you'd lose, darn it!"

Son: "Our geography teacher asked us today what made the world go around."

Father: "And what did you answer?"

Son: "I told her that I couldn't name quite all the brands but that you had a whole cabinet full of the stuff at home."

Said an excited citizen to a candidate: "I wouldn't vote for you if you were the Angel Gabriel."

To which the politician replied: "If I were the Angel Gabriel, you wouldn't even be in my precinct."
—Jackson Cash-Book.

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Donnell Faces Fight for Seat As Governor

Kansas City, Dec. 21.—A definite decision has been reached by Democratic state leaders to ask that the State Legislature refuse to seat Forrest C. Donnell as governor and that it conduct a sweeping investigation of the gubernatorial vote.

That was the word reaching Kansas City last night from a high source in the Democratic state committee. Itf ollowed a conference in Jefferson City Friday afternoon called by Marion Hulen, Democratic state chairman, to discuss evidence of election irregularities accumulated by the committee.

It was learned reliably that the committee was fully determined, after weeks of investigation, to demand that the ballot boxes be opened and a full investigation made of the gubernatorial vote.

DECISION LEAKS OUT

Those attending the conference were understood to have been pledged to secrecy as to final plans for contesting the seating of the Republican candidate for governor, who on the face of the official count won by 3,613 votes over Lawrence McDaniel, the Democratic candidate. But the decision leaked out.

Official announcement of the plan will be withheld until immediately before the new Legislature convenes Jan. 13. It will be made through the state committee.

Attending the conference Friday were James P. Aylward, Democratic national committee-man; Dwight Brown, secretary of state; Forrest Smith, state auditor; Wilson Bell, state treasurer-elect; Robert Winn, present treasurer; Frank G. Harris, lieutenant-governor, and Chairman Hulen.

It was understood that a mass of evidence of irregularities rounded up by investigators working up by investigators working for the state committee was discussed at the conference. Some of the state officers, who heretofore were said to have advised caution in starting a contest of Donnell's election, were said to have concurred in the decision that the Legislature be asked to make a state-wide investigation.

Ie was agreed that in the event this happens, Gov. Lloyd C. Stark would hold over as governor under a state statute which provides the state officers remain in office until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

The Legislature has authority by a majority vote to conduct an investigation when it is in doubt as to the outcome of an election. It is understood the Democratic state committee has made quiet contacts with members of the Legislature to make certain that a request for an invstigation would be favorably considered in light of the doubts raised over the vote for governor.

A source close to the state committee said that it was anticipated an investigation by the Legislature could not be completed under three or four months.

The effect would be to delay at least for that length of time the seating of a new governor and consequently a Republican blitzkrieg for state jobs.

LAMPREY IN MICHIGAN

According to reports from a CCC camp in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, the sea lamprey has been discovered in the Great Lakes. This is the first find of sea lampreys in the Upper Peninsula. Presumably they reached their destination via the Welland Canal.

A free-swimming, mud dweller when young, the lamprey becomes parasitic at maturity and, fastening itself with its strong sucking mouth to larger fish, it feeds on the blood of its victims. A primitive among fishes, the lamprey has no bones.—From the National Wildlife Federation.

New Year Greetings

In extending sincere wishes for a Happy, Prosperous

NEW YEAR

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May this be the start of a New Year overflowing with all kinds of joys and pleasant surprises for you.

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Happy New Year for 1941

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New Happiness to you and to those you love. May it be a happiness above material things, a joyous strengthening of old ties and associations, and a happy gain in the number of those you count as friends. May it bring you peace and prosperity. May it mean an abundance of comfort, a new freedom from care. May it bring you good health and new zest for living.

May it give us an opportunity to again be of service to you, and to show you that we appreciate deeply your friendship and loyalty that we name among our greatest assets.

May 1941 be in every way a Happy New Year, and the dawn of a new and better day.

THE BUCKNER RAGSDALE Co.

LAIR STORE NEWS

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HOUSE FURNISHINGS

Our 43rd Year in Southeast Missouri

The Morning After

Down come Christmas bells—stars—holly—tinsel and rope.

The phoney Santa Claus that has been pointing at gifts in the window for weeks is in retirement with only a slim chance of resurrection.

Salesmen have regained composure and are going about with dust rags and mops—one the "way back to normalcy".

Our charming Cashiers are busy counting the money they took in—Christmas Eve—but today's receipts could be put in the corner of one's eye.

Tom and Hess, deliverymen have recovered from the brainstorm of last week and are now ready for more orders from any old place in Southeast Missouri.

Windows are being dressed with different groups that would add to any home—but the crowds to buy them—where are they? Only an echo answers.

'Tis the way of America to go about things, in which all are interested, like a cyclone and then when the peak is past—subside to a zephyr. But "everybody does it"—so why worry?

We shall miss the smiling crowds and unusual activity for only two or three days after which a routine, perhaps more ambitious than ever before—will be taken up and pursued with diligence.

One outstanding feature of the annual Christmas experience we should like to see live for all time to come—and that is the unselfish—good neighbor attitude of all—rich and poor alike.

Thank You Southeast Missouri for one of the best volumes of fall trade we have had in 42 years of our business life.

Quite naturally—we wish for you and yours all possible success and true happiness during 1941.

And—our only request is that you give us a fair chance on your furniture needs for the same period.

You can easily find a reason for doing that by reading our ads in news papers and listening over KFVS from time to time.

Given that chance we shall have no one to blame but ourselves if orders do not come.

In the meantime—GOODBYE '40—HELLO '41 and Good Luck to all.

SIKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, Editor

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President Roosevelt's address to the citizens of the United States and to the world at large Sunday evening left no doubt in the minds of his hearers how he stood on the defense movement now under way in the United States. It was a plain talk that no one could misunderstand and was delivered with all the sincerity and from the heart of this great President. It should meet with prompt response from every liberty loving citizen of the United States and will unless we miss our guess.

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Summary of the 1940 Extension Program

GOOD HEALTH IMPORTANT

Leading the movement of better health in the home and community, the Farm Bureau continues to offer Group Hospitalization to those members who desire it. Following this example, "Principles of Good Nutrition" to maintain better health, was studied by Home Economics Extension Clubs. Improvement in health, play, school work, and temperment, learning to use better eating habits, and learning to like different kinds of wholesome foods, are results from the hot lunch programs being carried on in 2 Grade Schools of Sikeston, Chaffee Nursery and Grade School, Rockview, Head, Owensby, and Miner Schools.

"Home Sanitation and Its Influence on Family and Community Health" discussed with county leaders by Dr. U. P. Haw, followed by instruction on use of antiseptics and bandaging of wounds by Misses Ethel Anno and Nina Larkin, District Health Nurses, contributed to improvement in health habits of 282 families, 240 adopting better home-nursing procedure, and 123 sanitary out houses constructed.

Health and Sanitation or Health and First Aid was the project work studied by members in 7 4-H clubs in the county.

PRODUCE PROFITABLE POULTRY

"Profitable Poultry Production" was the subject for study in 17 communities of Scott County, emphasizing the importance of keeping the flock healthy from the little chick to the mature fowl through rigid sanitation, proper feeding management. Mrs. Fred Forbis, in the Porter Switch Community, followed recommendations having her flock of 71 full mature, healthy pullets into full production by October, when egg prices are normally rising. Mr. Forbis constructed the necessary equipment including feeders, brooder stove, summer range shelter, and laying house.

DOLLY VARDEN CAKE

Cakes that melt in your mouth are almost synonomous with Southern cookery. At meal time on old plantation homes it was a frequent occurence to find half a dozen varieties of cakes on the table. Here is one of the best of them—

DOLLY VARDEN CAKE

2/3 cup margarine
2 cups sugar
3 eggs
3 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla flavoring

Cream the cottonseed oil margarine, add the sugar gradually and cream well. Add well-beaten eggs, and mix thoroughly; add flour, sifted with baking powder, alternately with milk. Add flavoring. Divide the batter into two parts. Bake one-half of the batter in two 8-inch layers. Into the other half mix the following ingredients:

1 tablespoon molasses
1 teaspoon cloves
1 teaspoon nutmeg
2 cups chopped raisins
1 teaspoon cinnamon nuts if desired

Make two 8-inch layers of this batter and when baked put the dark and light layers together alternately with white icing. Yields one 4-layer cake.

Other favorite Southern recipes are presented in a large, full-color, 100-page free cook book "100 Southern Recipes." Send to National Cotton Council, Box 18, Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Jennie Stubblefield and daughter, Miss Lucille, returned Friday from New Orleans, La., where they had spent the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Graber plan to go to Memphis, Tenn., today to spend New Year's Eve with a group of relatives from Paragould and Blytheville, Ark.

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$1000 If Officials Will Take Prison-Style Whipping

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 29.—A Dallas philanthropist has offered $200 each to officials of six states if they will submit to the kind of whipping he said was given convicts for violating Texas prison rules.

To the Texas Governor, Attorney-General and general manager of the prison system, C. V. Compton made a "special bargain offer" of $1000 for taking 20 lashes. This, he said, was the penalty for minor infractions of regulations.

In addition, members of Compton's family said that for each acceptance they would give $1000 to any charity the Governor designated.

The $200 offer applies to officials of Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Colorado, South Carolina and Tennessee, which Compton said were the only state permitting corporal punishment in prisons. Included are members of the Legislatures, state and county volunteer parole boards, prosecuting attorneys and criminal courts Judges and prison wardens and managers.

The Compton family visited Texas prisons shortly after a group of prisoners maimed themselves in 1940. He said the men did this to escape being whipped and not to avoid work.

Compton suggests that solitary confinement, bread and water and similar penalities be substituted for corporal punishment.

Miss Becky Rockwood, a student at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Okla., is spending the holidays here with her parents, Capt. and Mrs. Rockwood.

Earl Johnson of Farmington transacted business in Sikeston Thursday.

WANTS

FOR RENT—4 room house, block and a half east of Shoe factory. Call at 235 North Handy St. (1t-30p)

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FOR SALE—One team native 5-year old draft horses; 1 team native draft mares, foaled to jack; 3 young mares in foal to jack; 1 team of 5-year-old big mules; 6 head of mules from 3 to 10 years old. Cash or terms with secured notes. See them at Sikeston Tractor and Implement Co. (tf-28)

25,000 Sportsmen wanted, who believe in complying with the rules and regulations of farmers or property owners, promote friendship, good fellowship and cooperation. Write Emmett R. Koehler, (Director) "United Outdoorsmen of Mo.," 761 Pardella, Lemay, Mo. 1t-30p

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FOR RENT—Modern 7 room house 515 New St. Also modern 5-room house, 924 N. Ranney. Phone 761-W. (tf-29)

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FOR RENT—2 unfurnished rooms. 407 Wilson, Mrs. Rosa Morrow. (tf-30)

FOR RENT—2 furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Call 317. (tf-30)

FOR RENT — 4 room house 2 blocks south of airport. Key at Eubanks Lumber Co. (4t-30p)

FOR RENT — New 4-room house with bath. Hardwood floors. Call 668 after 4 p. m. or 137. (tf-27)

FOR SALE—Modern house, 405 Moore. Phone 617. (tf-30)

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FOR SALE—55 foot lot close in on Greer Ave. Paved street and sidewalk in and paid. See Lyman Gross at Gross Hotel. (tf-26)

FOR RENT — Sleeping room, all modern conveniences. 425 Matthews Ave., Phone 534. (tf-27)

FOR RENT—Sleeping room at 115 Dorothy, Phone 1007. (2t-30)

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Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Anna Stubblefield, Administratrix of the estate of W. T. Stubblefield, deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such Administratrix at the next term of the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri, to be holden at Benton in said county, on the 3rd day of February, A. D. 1941.

Anna Stubblefield, Administratrix.
31-33-35-37

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The Cedar Chest A Love Token For Valentine Day

Strange to say, when lovestruck males make gleeful purchase of a cedar chest, inwardly convinced that the idea's brand new for Valentine's Day, they're only carrying out an idea that dates back to the third century!

Valentine's Day takes its name from Valentine, a quiet, gentle priest who lived during the tryannical and war-ravaged reign of Claudius, emperor of Rome. Claudius, needing men for his bloodthirsty forays, discovered the sad but century-old fact that married men were far more reluctant than single men to give up the comforts of home, so to combat the insiduous influence, he issued an imperial decree, forbidding further marriages to take place!

The Roman youths and maidens, aghast at this decree, turned in a body to the only person who offered hope and consolation—the good priest, Valentine. Faced with the decision of church ethics vs. emperor's orders, Valentine disobeyed the imperial decree—and married all the young couples who came to him.

On hearing of this, Claudius, in fury, had the good priest thrown into prison, where he died, as history tells us "on February 14, a martyr to love."

Taking up his cudgels, the church, in 271 A. D., made a saint of Valentine, setting aside the date of his death, February 14, as the annual day for observation. To the youths and maidens of this early era, February 14 was the one day out of the entire calendar, wholly reserved for public and private lovemaking—a day of wild and incredible rejoicing!

Customs change throughout the years—but tradition and sentiment, never! Today, via printed verse, shy maidens send phrases they would never trust their lips to form. Shy, or matter-of-fact males, knowing presents speak louder than words, say it with gifts in various form.

Flowers and candy, for instance, are grand for expressing only a "passing fancy," but deadly serious modern males trust their hopes and aims to the magic of a cedar chest—for faith and hope, twin elements of Romance, dwell eternal in cedar. Solomon built the Temple of Israel out of cedar from Lebanon; the Chinese speak reverently of the cedar as "the tree of undying love." From the standpoint of practicality, no other wood offers the moth-resistance of cedar; no other wood is so aromatically fragrant.

And there is no gainsaying the advantage of a gift that stands snugly, daily, nightly, at the foot of his beloved's bed, blithely acting as a constant reminder of his love, or, if she places the chest beside the fireplace, in lieu of a love seat, so much the better—For love seats and fireplaces are Romance plus—even to young moderns!

A secret warehouse for his and her hopes. Even the moth proof insurance policy which arrives along with, or shortly after, the cedar chest, seems added protection for their love; survival among the sheets and blankets!

Wouldn't the good old saint Valentine, who gavt his life for love, recognize the wisdom of the strategy, and wise old priest that he was, have approved the idea!

Farewell Party For Company K

The public is invited to attend the farewell party for Company K to be held at the Armory on Monday night at 7:30, December 30 (this evening). This program is free and the general public is invited to attend.

The party is sponsored by the City Council, Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Senior Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, and the American Legion Auxiliary.

The program is as follows:

"America."

Pledge of Allegiance, led by Rev. Blount F. Davidson.

Introduction of National Guard Officers and Civic Heads.

Introduction of Lieutenant Honey.

Music by the 140th Infantry Band.

Address: U. S. District Attoreny Harry Blanton.

Solo.

Remarks: C. H. Denman.

Remarks: Mayor G. W. Presnell.

Response: A member of Company K.

Music by the 140th Infantry Band.

"God Bless America," by the assemblage.

Company K will parade in the down town section and stand at retreat in Legion Park on Thursday afternoon, January 2 at 4 o'clock.

Traveling Around America

Photo Grace Line

CAMERA - MAD

Many of the Indians in the Andean villages are camera shy but this woman's over-the-shoulder look registers pure anger! Types like these are seen on almost any of the highways radiating from Quito, skytop capital featured in the popular 24-day fortnightly cruises to Ecuador.

Indians in all degrees of civilization are found in this little republic. The most civilized, naturally, live in settlements not far from the white man's cities. They are famous for their weaving; and their markets are heaped with piles of rugs, shawls, and ponchos woven by hand in gorgeous colors and artistic designs — articles which "gringos" are eager to buy. Competing with these Indian villages for the attention of travelers are the little towns where natives weave Panama hats. Here, also, the bargain hunter can indulge in his pet pastime. Farther inland in the jungles near the head-waters of the Amazon are the very primitive Jivaros who dress in practically no clothes and who still depend upon poison darts and blow guns to furnish them with meat for their daily fare. Primitive or civilized, however, the Indian villages of Ecuador always are entertaining and carry one far away from the troubles of current times.

Edna Mae Stark.

YEAR-ROUND COTTON "PUSH"

Some months ago, National Cotton Week was observed. The retailers of America joined together in a great mass effort to stimulate sales of all manner of cotton products.

Now, in the opinion of John R. Nichols, managing director of the Institlte of Distribution, an organization which represents America's principal non-grocery chain systems, special effort should be given to "pushing" cotton the year around.

That should be done, he said, in conjunction with a year-round education program provided by the cotton industry itself. "Through the work of such a program," he added, "a hard-hitting effort should be provided, for example, to educate America to 'call for cotton when you buy'; to encourage the development of worthy new cotton uses; to re-emphasize the miracle of cotton in schools, in the public press and elsewhere . . . in short, to 'sell' the story of cotton."

That is the kind of work we need in this country. Cotton underlies the whole economy of a great group of states — cotton is the source of livelihood of millions of people. As foreign markets disappear, the cotton producers and bafricators must turn to the home market. Cotton can have no more effective ally than the retail stores of this country.

John Houchens of Jackson, Miss. visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Houchens Christmas.

MINER TEACHERS GIVE PARTY

Honoring the Miner Merry Homemakers Club, a Christmas party was given at the Miner Church on Friday, Dec. 20, by the teachers of the Miner School, Mrs. James Reeves, Mrs. Jewell Allen, and Miss Madge Davis. A noon dinner, cooked by Mrs. Pearl Ward and Mrs. Ethel Grigsby, who have charge of the W. P. A. lunch room project there, preceded the entertainment. The guests exchanged Christmas gifts in the spirit of the holiday. Mrs. Harold Lewis is president of the Miner Club.

WHAT IS YOUR DRIVING I Q?

Q—Road-hogs ought to be banned from the roads, but they aren't! Now when you meet one of them, what is the best thing for you to do? Will you. . .

(a) honk your horn long and loud. Maybe he will take the hint and move over.

(b) slow up and pull over to the right side of the road.

(c) take all of your side of the road and then some. Perhaps a close shave will cure him!

Q—The speed limit for truck on Missouri highways is 40 m. p. h.

.....True. .....False.

ANSWERS:

(b) Don't take any chances.

True.

Mrs. Ruskin McCoy has gone to New Orleans, La., to attend the Sugar Bowl football game on New Year's day.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the office of the City Clerk, Sikeston, Missouri, up to five o'clock P. M., on Friday, the 10th day of January, 1941, for furnishing material and labor in connection with the work of paving with concrete, that portion of the roadway of Sikes Avenue from the Smith property line of Wallace Avenue to the north property line of Woodlawn Avenue, according to plans and specifications on file in my office, the work to be let as a whole and not sub-divided.

All proposals must stipulate that contractor will accept the payment thereof Special Tax bills issued against the property abutting on the improvement.

The pavement to be constructed is approximately 384.7 feet in length and approximately 31 feet wide.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A. C. Barrett,
City Clerk, City of Sikeston.

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Sikeston Standard, $2 per year.

Cars Collide

Sunday afternoon a car driven by Canto Thrower, of Sikeston, collided with another car in Morehouse causing the Thrower car to turn over three times injuring Simon Thrower about the head. Two other lads in the car, Bill Taylor and Jimmie Johnson, Jr., were badly shaken up as was the driver of the car, but Simon Thrower was the only one needing medical attention which was given by Dr. H. M. Kendig.

The Albritton ambulance was called and delivered the boys back to Sikeston. The Thrower boys live on Sikes Avenue, the other boys live in the same neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lucey and small daughter of LaForge were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Blankinship.

Mr. Ben Caldwell spent Christmas at his home in Cape Girardeau and went to Vanduser to see the local teams in the ball tournament.

SCHOOL NOTES

Most students are back in school to-day after the Cotton Vacation and holidays. We are on the second week of another Attendance Contest among the home room groups. The prize this time will probably be a Theater Party. Each group excepting the Junior-High has won a party.

The basket ball teams have just completed their first tournament of the year, at Vanduser. The girls were successful in getting 4th place and the boys finished with 3rd place. We are sorry that we could not have had winnings a little higher up; but we are more than proud to have our players recognized for ability and sportsmanship. Vina Lancaster and James Westerfield were picked for the first all star team and Harold Ralph and Rachel Coppage were picked for the second team. Each of these four received a small gold basket ball.

Wilda Lefler, star forward on the girl's basket ball team, suffered severe cuts on her foot Tuesday night in a car accident. She seems to be progressing nicely, but may be out of school for several days. She may be out of the basket ball line-up for several months. She has the hopes of the entire school that she improves rapidly.

Mr. Raybern Butler who is attending school in Columbia visited school Monday. Raybern is taking work in Agriculture.

CANALOU NEWS
H. S. Literature Class

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Taul spent the holidays in Kentucky with his parents and the latter part of the week in Advance with Mrs. Taul's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Duckett.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva McCollom spent Christmas week in Northwest Missouri with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Poage and Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilbur of Sikeston spent Xmas Eve with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Giddens.

Miss Frances Conrad spent Xmas at her home in Lutesville; this was the first time that all of her family had been together in seven years. The family was very happy to have two brothers there, who have been in Naval Service.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Giddens spent the week-end in Sikeston with friends.

NOTICE

WE DELIVER
2000 pounds Coal Quality and Service.
Weighed and Not guessed at
Scale ticket with each delivery.

Phone 69

JEWELL COAL YARD

HAPPY 1941 NEW YEAR

To Our Friends and Customers

We desire to express our thanks for the large volume of business you have favored us with during the past year. In return we have done our level best to give you Prompt Service, Courtesy and the best Quality Foods obtainable.

Our sincere wish is Happiness and Prosperity during 1941.

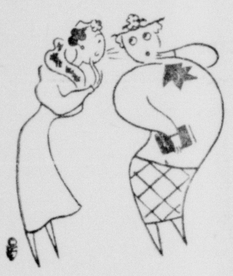
MR. AND MRS. ROBERT MOW
Owners H & H Grocery

S. T. Bloomfield — G. H. McCary
Ivan Baugher — J. N. Walker

From the moment 1941 dawns, let it be rich with everything good for you. We'll be glad to treat you to happiness.

Season's Greetings 1941

Ray C. Marsh
Distributor of Grennan Cakes — Phone 675



Don't Forget

WHEN YOU renew the fire insurance policy on the furnishings in your home, don't forget to increase the amount of your present insurance to cover all those things you have added since your present policy was written.

ALLARD & MATTHEWS
Insurance Agency
Room 250 McCoy-Tanner Building
(Directly over the Bijou)

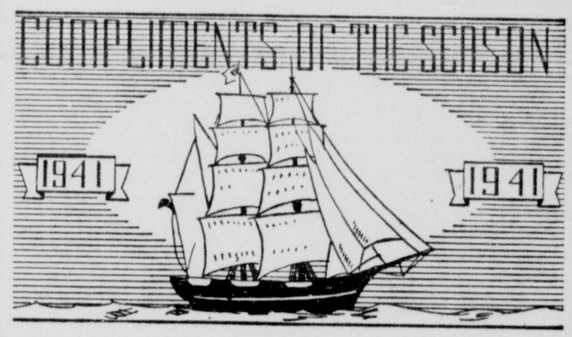
NOTICE TO OUR PATRONS

We will be closed all day New Years, Wednesday to enable our employees to have a day of rest.

Order placed for Wednesday delivery will be taken care of.

Thanks for the 1940 business we have enjoyed.

WOEHLECKE
The Florist



To our Members and Friends we extend the Sincere Wish that you have a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Scott-New Madrid-Mississippi Cooperative Association

Rendering R. E. A. Cooperative Electric Service.

Ring out the old and ring in the new . . . remember this, our wish to you.

Pitman Cleaners and Tailors
Phone 542—We Call for and Deliver

Please accept our sincere appreciation of your good will during 1940, and our wishes for a Happy New Year.

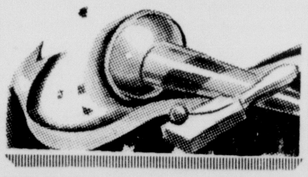
BUTLER'S CORNER GROCERY AND MARKET
"The Right Store in the Right Town"

Our best wishes to all of you, and our sincere thanks for your loyal patronage.

1940 was a Banner year with us. 1941 will find us ready to serve you with "dependable Merchandise at reasonable prices."

The Peoples Store
Nathan Yoffie

KING'S PALACE CAFE
WISHES for A
HAPPY NEW YEAR



THE MODEL BARBER SHOP
Lynn Swaim

May the joy and happiness of this New Year season hover over you throughout the entire year. We pledge ourselves now to strive harder than ever before to merit your confidence and loyalty.

A New Year ahead! New visions . . . new hope . . . new opportunities. May the coming year be all that you hope for.

Brook's Mercantile Co.
Next Door to Nu-Way Cleaners
Phone 1055—We Deliver
Malone Ave. — Sikeston

PHONE 705

Get your home and wardrobe in order after holiday festivities! Nu-Way cleaning will see you through the rest of the winter . . . economically!

Phone 705
NU-WAY LEANING Co.
As you want 'em
When you want 'em

"Mama" Luden welcomed Carl's bride.

Bitter Sweet

SYNOPSIS

To prove to a young artist friend (Dallies Frantz), who is "clearing out" because the affections of a sweet young girl are the only thing he has, that "sharing love is far from sharing nothing" elderly Lord Shayne (Ian Hunter) takes him to the home of a sweet old lady he knows. Two portraits on her piano seem to tell a story . . . Sarah Millick (Jeannette Macdonald), answering the "Call of Life," leaves her prenuptial ball to elope with Carl Linden (Nelson Eddy), a penniless composer who has been teaching her voice. In Vienna, his home, Carl hopes to find a producer for an operetta he has written.

CHAPTER TWO

London, Paris, Vienna! Only a few hours apart as boats and streamliners travel—but how different in mood, in verse, in tempo! Surely this fresh bubbling young girl just loose from Victoria's bonnet strings was answering the Call of Life as she swept on to the Danube around which the Strausses waltzed the world—on to the city of life and laughter which even took her heavy name Sarah and changed it to the lovely Sa-hi!

"Look, darling, there's the tower of St. Stephens," cried Carl as the train swept into the station, "Make a wish—everybody does the first time they see it." But Sarah couldn't wish—because she couldn't see—because she had a cinder in her eye! "Never mind, you can see and wish tomorrow—and every day," comforted Carl. "The old tower will be there always—the guardian angel of Vienna, like the good father giving a benediction."

Carl rushed off to collect the baggage—and Sarah got a "military welcome" to her new home town.

The smartly uniformed officer who stared her out of countenance as she passed along the train corridor could have been found nowhere else in the world. From the monocle in his eye to the mirror-like sheen on the tip of his boots, he was debonair—sophisticated.

As Sarah passed she saw him stoop to pick up a handkerchief—and rush after her. When he presented it to her with a click of his heels and an elaborate bow, she clearly showed her annoyance that he would try such an obvious trick.

"It's not mine," she said coldly as she automatically reached into her handbag. When the hand came out empty her hauteur gave way to a smile of contrition. "I'm sorry . . I made a mistake. Thank you," she said.

"Which, I take it, absolves me from having given the wrong impression," the stranger continued in his courtly manner.

"All the same, I do feel Vienna is showing off," Sarah laughed. "An encounter with a dashing cavalry officer my very first minute here. You are cavalry, aren't you?"

"Imperial Hussars. Baron von Tranisch, at your service."

Sarah was to remember that name, that man and that manner for the rest of her life. He moved off politely as Carl rejoined her with the twittering remark: "Flying high, I must say. A military welcome!"

Carl was sure at least two people in his native city would have the inclination—and the time— to meet him on his return. Max and Ernst were at the station—and both kissed the bride without as much as a "by your leave" and with but a passing glance at her friend they hadn't seen for so long. They were musicians, comrades in want in Carl's earlier and more irresponsible days—but they did whatever came to hand to satisfy an almost insatiable appetite for food and drink.

"Come boys, we must be getting home," the bridegroom said when the greetings were over. Not until their subterfuges became too obvious was he able to demand—and get—an explanation. They'd pawned his furniture—all of it — for money, they said, to celebrate his wedding!

"I'm relying on you to have my chattels moved in at once," Carl said to the pawnbroker as he handed him money and a sheaf of tickets he had collected from the sheepish pair. "I can't very well take my wife to a bare apartment."

Sarah's amusement at what she considered a typical Viennese situation saved the day. "It might have been charming to be carried across the threshold of a pawnshop," she laughed—and Carl and the others laughed with her, Max and Ernst with great relief.

"I'll carry you across my own threshold—if you haven't pawned that," Carl said—and he did—up three flights of stairs into four walls of emptiness — emptiness broken by his irrepressible friends' wedding gift bought, they swore, with "their very own money." It was an atrociously framed chromo hung in solitary splendor — and they themselves were the subjects in the frame!

Four walls—one room — bare furniture, after the Victorian elegance of the Millick ancestral home! Sarah walked around fascinated, inspecting every detail. From a window in the little recess which served as a kitchen she saw the tower of old St. Stephens. "I've made my wish," she cried.

"So have I—what's your's," her husband answered.

"It's bad luck to tell," Sarah shook her head determinedly.

"You didn't wish you were back in London," Carl asked in anxious fear, "—that you hadn't given up all your comforts and security?"

Sarah was hurt by his doubt. "Carl!" she cried. "All I wished was that we might be happy like this for the rest of our lives."

"Mama," Luden's had often been Carl's home when he had no other. It would serve now for the few hours until the pawnbroker arrived with the furniture.

There were cries of welcome from old friends among the diners in the quant little cafe as he entered with his pretty English bride. Mama Luden herself rushed up with tears in her eyes and embraced him. "Why it's my good, good friend!" she cried. "We've been waiting for you and your little wife—to celebrate. There's a barrel of your favorite Tokay for you to broach."

Where there was food and drink there were always the irrepressibles.

"Mama," said Ernst, "he wrote us that his bride had lovely red hair."

"Well, she has, I see," the friend of all musical Vienna answered.

"But he didn't tell us it shines like burnished gold in the sun—little things like that he'd never tell us," came back the solemn complaint.

"And of her eyes, he said only 'beautiful'," Max contributed. "He didn't say they were deep, limpid pools of mystery and glare."

"I never could write a good letter," laughed Carl while Sarah blushed. "But now to the Tokay—my father called it the wine of love, laughter, and song."

"Mama" Luden's heart was warm. Again her eyes were filled with tears. Her Carl was back home—singing "Tokay" as only he could sing it: "Tokay! The golden sunshine of a summer day. Tokay! Will bear the burden of your cares away. Here's to the love in you, the hate in you, desire in you. Wine of the sun that will waft you along, lifting you high on the wings of a song. Dreams in you, the flame in you, the fire in you—Tokay! Tokay!"

Here indeed was the Life That Called—and had to be answered. Sarah, too, sang—as Carl had taught her to sing—and how proud he was of her and she of him!

The first business at hand for this daring family — a penniless Viennese composer and the daughter of a titled Englishman—was the sale of Carl's operetta. Their whole future depended upon it.

"Kiss me for luck," he said gaily next morning in their single room refurnished with the pawnbroker's aid, as he packed reams of manuscript into his brief case. "I'm off to the wars!"

"There, that's a very lucky kiss—I took a lot of pains with it," Sarah said as she threw her arms around his neck.

Her spirits were as high as his as he went out the door. Herr Wyler, Europe's foremost musical producer, wanted a new piece of property, they had been told.

Tranisch spins his web—in the next installment.

CORN STICKS

Of all foods which have had their origin in the South, corn bread is one of the best known. The further South you go, the more frequently corn bread appears on the menu. Morning, noon and night there are appropriate corn breads. Among the best liked are

CORN STICKS

1 cup corn meal
½ cup flour
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon soda
½ cup sour buttermilk
1 egg
½ tablespoon margarine

Sift meal, flour, salt and soda three times. Add the milk and beaten egg yolk, melted margarine, and lastly beaten egg white. Pour small amount into piping hot, greased corn stick pans and bake in hot oven (425° F.) for 15 minutes . Serve hot and with a generous amount of cotton seed oil margarine. Yields 8 to 10 sticks.

Other favorite Southern recipes are presented in a large, full-color, 100-page cook book, "100 Southern Recipes." Send to National Cotton Council, Box 18, Memphis, Tenn.

Glazing puts a shine on fruit cakes. When cakes are half-way baked or just ready to be removed from the oven, brush tops with mixture of honey and water, egg white and water, or evaported milk. Molasses and water may be brushed over dark fruit cakes.

Ford Recalls First Engine

Detroit, Mich., December 24.—Forty-seven years ago in the kitchen of a modest home in Detroit's downtown Bagley avenue, a 30-year-old mechanical engineer spun the flywheel of a little engine fashioned out of a piece of gas pipe; his young wife poured gasoline, drop by drop, from an oil cup through a funnel into the intake check valve. . . .

It was an experiment that was to lead to mass production of automobiles; one of the greatest family-owned industrial empires the world ever has known and world-renown for the relatively obscure engineer of a Detroit electric illuminating company intent upon building a horseless carriage.

ANNIVERSARY DATE

For Henry Ford, the young engineer, the experiment was intended to prove or disprove the soundness of the principle of the gas engine. The tiny explosions that Ford and his wife heard from the crude device have since echoed in the more refined cylinders of the upwards of 28,000,000 automobiles Ford subsequently built.

It was on December 22, 1893, that Ford set up his home-made engine in the kitchen. A small plank was clamped to the sink. Fastened to the plank was the little motor made of a piece of pipe, a simple piston, a small ftywheel, two ordinary brass check valves, a pair of gears that ran two to one and an oil cup.

An electric cord from the light socket near the sink was split, one strand being used to obtain the spark and the other being grounded to the water faucet.

Five months later Ford completed his first small horseless vehicle, in a brick barn back of the Ford home. It was necessary to break out one of the walls to get the car out, and at 2 o'clock in the morning the first road test was undertaken. It wasn't entirely successful, for the little car came home with only one of its two cylinders functioning.

A decade afterward Ford organized the present Ford Motor Company after a brief experience with an earlier automobile company. The little engine that was tested in the kitchen sink, the first car and the brick barn in which it was built still exists, part of the Ford historical collection at his Greenfield village in near-by Dearborn.

On the site of the early Ford home in Bagley avenue now stands one of the city's largest motion picture theatres. In front of it flows an almost constant stream of automobile traffic.

Ford regards the first little car as an historical exhibit in transportation progress. He points to it as the tangible evidence that won the famous Selden patent suit — litigation he carried on alone to establish his rights to manufacture automobiles without paying license fees to the holders of the patent.

There is no record that Mrs. Ford objected seriously to having her kitchen converted into a laboratory or to the accumulation of exhaust gas that nearly filled it when the little experimental engine began to function. She did wonder why an electric wire had to be strung across the sinkboard, but she was a willing helper.

REWED AS MOVE TO GET U. S. INSURANCE

Cape Girardeau, Mo., Dec. 23.—If you can't find your marriage license, don't wed again in order to qualify for old-age and survivors insurance benefits under the Social Security Act!

Virdon W. Taylor, manager of the Social Security Board field office at Cape Girardeau, issued this warning today after reciting the experience of one of the Board's field office executives. A claimant, 65, with sufficient coverage to permit him to retire and receive monthly payments of approximately $24 a month asked about his wife, also over 65. He was informed that she would be eligible for $12 additionally if an application with proof of marriage and age was furnished.

Much to the field manager's surprise, the couple promptly returned stating that they had just remarried. They probably presented a brand new marriage certificate—instead of obtaining a copy of the original.

Repeating the marriage ceremony not only cost them money but was unnecessary. Also, according to the provisions of the Social Security Act, it was useless. Later the couple was able to obtain a certified copy of their original marriage certificate.

"Proof of marriage is essential if wives of retired workers are to receive payments," Taylor explained, "and also in the case of survivors insurance for widows and children. It's a good idea for workers to bear this fact in mind and obtain and preserve marriage certificates so that they are always readily available.

Mr. Taylor's office is located at 400 Broadway, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

MUSKRATS

In an effort to restore beavers and muskrats on areas suitable for them, the Alabama State Department of Conservation has received approval to use part of its Federal Aid to wildlife funds for the live-trapping of these animals to be used in restocking certain areas. Previous experiments with the re-establishment of muskrats along the Gulf Coast have been successful, and the Conservation Department is extending this activity.

The majority of beaver colonies in Alabama are on private lands, while at the same time there are some 20,000 acres of public lands which there are no beavers. Proper management, it is believed, will increase the state's supply of fur animals over a larger area.

Father and Son Jailed After Shooting

New Madrid, Dec. 24.—R. H. Kennedy, 50 years old, and his son, Nathel, 22, are held in the county jail facing State charges after the elder Kennedy was shot and slightly wounded at the family home near here Sunday night.

Deputy Sheriff J. W. James said Kennedy accused his son of shooting him twice with a pistol. One bullet struck him in the shoulder and the other caused only a slight flesh wound. Nathel Kennedy was charged with assault with intent to kill and his father was charged with carrying concealed weapons. He had a pistol in his possession at time of arrest, James said.

"The elder Kennedy," said James, "was at liberty under bond pending trial on charge of felonious assault on his son last August." The Kennedy family came here some time ago from Alabama. Neither has explained cause of the trouble.

Turkey Timbales tastefully take care of leftover fowl. Mix two cups chopped, cooked turkey meat with the egg, salt and pepper. Line well-greased ramekins with the mixture, press fresh-made dressing in the centers, and bake about 30 minutes in moderate oven (350° F.). Serves six.

Sikeston Standard, $2.00 per year.

Celebrate New Year's Eve
AT THE
COTTON CLUB
"Southeast Missouri's Finest"

Joe Gladley
and His
Orchestra
will furnish the latest in dance hits.

Come out and Dine and Dance at this Modern Club.

FINEST OF AMERICAN AND CHINESE FOODS

COVER CHARGE $1.50 STAG OR DRAG.

We wish to extend the Season's Greetings to our Customers and friends.

Girls Are Advised To Build-Up For Relief

Lack of knowledge causes many a weak, undernourished girl a lot of suffering!

Many others, however, know how the headaches, nervousness, cramp-like pain of *functional dysmenorrhea* due to malnutrition are helped by the proper use of CARDUI.

Some take it a few days before and during "the time," to help ease periodic distress. But CARDUI'S principal use is to help increase appetite; stimulate the flow of gastric juice; so aid digestion, assist in building up physical resistance and thus help reduce peri- Women have used

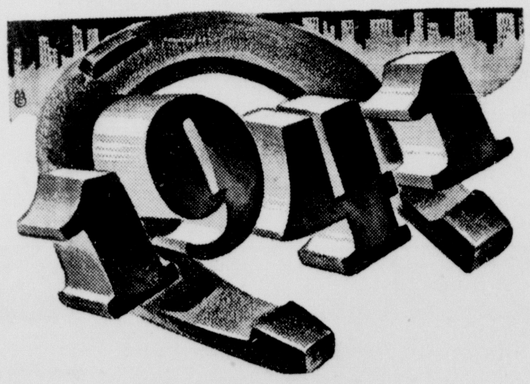
FROM THE HEART

We send you our wishes for a Happy New Year and a 1941 full of Joy, Peace and Prosperity.

Each year makes us more keenly aware of the value of your friendship, and more determined to deserve it. Only because of friends like you have our growth and service been possible.

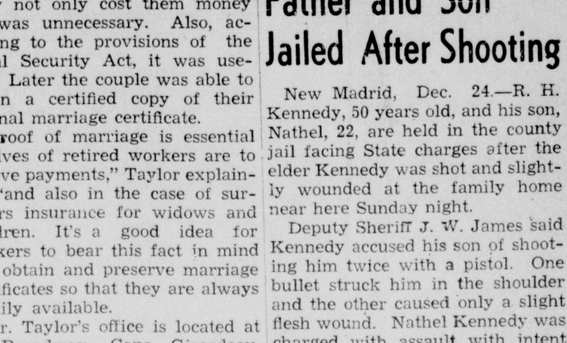
May 1941 bring you every Happiness!

GRABER'S STORES



As another year approaches, we join our good wishes to the many you will be receiving. We hope we have served you well in the past—and ask the privilege of continuing to do so in the future.

B. B. TATUM
Representative The Texas Co.



OUR ENTIRE PERSONNEL WISHES YOU
A HAPPY NEW YEAR
WE THANK YOU—OUR CUSTOMERS

For your splendid patronage.

For your kind consideration during the holiday rush of business when the store was crowded with people, and we were unable to give you all the personal attention we would have liked to.

For all the nice things you have said about us.

For your compliments on the numerous improvements in our store and service.

For all your good wishes.

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES THIS COMING YEAR

To the giving of a courteous, gracious service.

To greet you with a smile.

To satisfy you in every possible way.

To continue featuring quality merchandise of nationally known makers.

To treat you so well you will say "Shainberg's is the nicest place in Sikeston to shop."

SHAINBERG'S
We Give and Redeem Eagle Stamps.

SUCCESS IN 1941

That's our New Year Greeting to you . . . and we hope that you will enjoy the fullest measure of happiness and good health.

PLEAS MALCOLM
Postmaster, Sikeston, Mo.

News of the Town

Mrs. Ed Kendall, Reporter.—Phone 761W

A Christmas Eve party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Matthews and Miss Lena Matthews on Greer, was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Matthews and son, Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Matthews, Jr., and son Glenn III, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Matthews and three sons, Mr. and Mrs. Tanner Dye and two sons and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Ensor and their two children.

Judge W. H. Carter returned Wednesday night from Carbondale, Ill., where he had visited his daughters for several weeks.

Miss Amanda Goddard and her brother, Vernon of St. Louis were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Ensor Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Burns and sons spent Christmas day in Cape Girardeau as guests of Mrs. Burns' mother, Mrs. Lewis Daugherty.

Mrs. Irma Wilson Allen entertained the following guests at dinner at the Colonial Tavern, Cape Girardeau Friday, Mrs. Kate Harris, Miss Lydia and Miss Audrey Chaney, Miss Margaret Harris, Mrs. O. E. Kendall of Sikeston; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Chaney and son, Ben Jr., of Boulder, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Roth, Miss Betty and John Roth of Cape Girardeau. Miss Allen and her son, Joe, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roth during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Cunningham and the latter's mother, Mrs. J. E. Dover, entertained at a family dinner Christmas evening at the Dover home on North Street. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Dover and sons, Joe, Bob and John; Mrs. A. P. Bowman, daughter, Miss Margaret, and sons Paul Jr., and Phil; Mrs. C. E. Dover, her three daughters, Misses Dorothy, Mary and Laura, and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Matthews Jr., and their son, Glenn III; Mrs. A. W. Wylie, Mrs. Laura Slack and Cletus Ferguson.

Mrs. Paul Higgins of Decatur, Ill., and Miss Vernetta Smith were in Cape Girardeau Thursday to visit Mrs. Wallis Clippard, who is recovering from an operation at the Southeast Missouri hospital.

Mrs. J. J. Johnson of Blytheville, Ark., visited with her sister, Mrs. Pitt White at the Sikeston General Hospital, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Buchanan and sons of St. Louis spent Christmas day with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Buchanan.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Tipp and children went to Nevada, Mo., last Tuesday and visited relatives until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Randall and son, Francis of Owensboro, Ky., were guests in the home of their nephew, Wilbur Ensor and family, Friday night.

Mrs. O. E. Kendall was hostess at a dinner party at her home on South Kingshighway Thursday afternoon. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Ben Chaney and son, Ben Jr., of Boulder, Colo., Mrs. Kate Harris, Miss Lydia and Miss Audrey Chaney, Miss Margaret Harris, Mr. and Mrs. James Kevil, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sikes, Porter Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kendall, Miss Emily Kendall and the hostess.

Burl Goodpasture, of Houston, Texas, a former citizen of Sikeston was a visitor in the city during the Christmas holidays. He reports his parents as being well.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Lutes and son, Rex Lynn were Christmas guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lutes in Marble Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Chaney and son, Ben Jr., left Sunday morning for their home in Boulder, Colo., after visiting in the home of Mr. Chaney's mother, Mrs. Kate Harris, since December 22.

Porter Kendall had as dinner guests at the Dunn Hotel Friday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Chaney and son, Ben Jr., of Boulder, Colo., Miss Margaret Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kendall and their daughter, Miss Emily Kendall. Sunday, Mr. Kendall entertained Mrs. O. E. Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sikes, Mrs. Kate Harris, Miss Lydia and Miss Audrey Chaney at a noon dinner at the Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Barton were in Memphis, Tenn., Thursday and Friday.

RINGNECKS

The Kansas Forestry, Fish and Game Commisison, under a Federal Aid project approved by the Fish and Wildlife Service, will stock ringnecked pheasants in the western part of the State, the National Wildlife Federation announces. A limited number of birds are now present in southwest Kansas, and under the project, it is planned to place birds in suitable habitats in that part of the state. Counties in the southwestern part of the state in which releases are made will be closed to hunting for a three year period.

All released birds will be banded, and records kept as to the location, number, condition of birds, and date of releases.

HENLEY-DONNELL ENGAGEMENT TOLD

The engagement of Miss Betty Belle Donnell, daughter of Mrs. Georgia Donnell, to Claude Henley, Jr., of Memphis, Tenn., was announced Thursday afternoon at a small party given by Mrs. Donnell at her home on Tanner street. The news was revealed when Billy Renner, small son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Renner of Mt. Ayr, Ia., dressed as Santa Claus presented gifts to the guests and an engagement ring to Miss Donnell.

In addition to the Christmas decorations in the rooms, flowers in pastel shades were used. Mary Liz Renner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Renner, assisted at the refreshment table.

Miss Donnell attended William Woods College at Fulton, Mo., and received her degree at the University of Missouri in June. She is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, and is teaching in the local school system this year.

Mr. Henley is a senior in the School of Journalism at Missouri University. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

No definite date for the wedding has been planned.

The guests at the party were close friends of the honoree and included Miss Eleanor Harty, Mrs. Ward Denman, Miss Evelyn Allard, Mrs. Glenn Ault of Charleston, Miss Mary Louise Himmelberger of Cape Girardeau, Mrs. E. R. Putnam, Jr., Miss Olga Matthews, Miss Henrietta Moore, Mrs. John Wilson and Miss Helen Hutchings of Hackettstown, N. J., a cousin of Miss Donnell.

★ ★ BAZAAR PREVIEW ★ ★

Designed by Harley Earl, Chief of the General Motors Styling Section, this smooth, winged, silver evening dress of Crown Tested rayon, bearing a plastic a plastic shield like the one on the front of the Cadillac Special 60 Sedan.

Conservation News

The December issue of Missouri Wildlife contains a story by George F. Jordan captioned "Examines Vote Figures" in which he discusses the fact that although Number Five was defeated by two to one, over 350,000 voters voted Yes. He further discusses the fact that if the removal of those persons voting No through customery prejudices of voting against every item submitted, with any thought as to what the item is, the present method of handling the conservation work or Game and Fish Department would have been removed from the Constitution.

While we, personally, voted Yes on this proposition, we did not advise the public through our paper, or our friends privately, to follow us in this decision, mainly because we were prejudiced and do not believe that any person or persons under State government should be given authority to make rules or regulations governing any action of ourselves or the public which carries a penalty of fine or imprisonment. We believe that the Game and Fish Department is being better handled under its present set up than previously. However, we are not in favor of not knowing what rules and regulations we can fish under from one day to the next.

We believe that this part of the law could be strengthened if the Commission would submit to the Legislature as each session the rules and regulations governing their plan of operation for each biennium and then have those laws published it would save a considerable number of repeal votes in the future.

Washington Comment

The happenings of the week have brought British affairs, rather than American, to the front as a topic for comment. The death of Lord Lothian, British Minister, produced general and heartfelt sorrow. Although always alert to the dignity of his position, his democratic and friendly manner endeared him to those who had the benefit of no more than a single and casual meeting. His work was done at a time when England was sorely in need of a friend. It was well done, even though diplomacy had not been the chief business of his life. Lord Lothian will be remembered kindly for the reason that made Lord Bryce popular on both sides of the water in years gone by: a thorough understanding of the American people, coupled with an administration of the affairs of his office which left no room for complaints or criticism.

Without going into the equities of the situation, or presuming to decide what is best for the United States, it must be said that the sentiment in favor of help for England continues to grow. A cabinet member favors aid to the extent of according credit, and sees no harm in furnishing anything short of men. The auction sale of fifteen ships to England is regarded as practically certain, with about fifty more to be disposed of in the same manner. Most of them have hung at anchor since the World War. Many think that if Hitler can be overcome with no more inconvenience than cleaning out the junk yards, transactions along that line are wise. The opposing view is that if anything is good enough to assist a foreign nation to defend herself, it is good enough to keep.

A German warning, allegedly from the pen of Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop, advises the United States to work with Germany before it is too late, adding that Nazi conceptions represent the law of the coming century, which must be recognized or denied. It seems as though the threat had not been taken seriously by those whom it was supposed to frighten. Secretary Morgenthau announces that the taxable issue of defense notes, carrying an interest of less than one per cent, was over subscribed before the books were more than fairly opened. The people do not seem to think that, in buying government securities, they are putting their money in a place from which Mr. Hitler can take it away.

A cold winter is beginning to settle over Europe. It is still recalled that Finland, the small time but good paymaster, will have to suffer, along with other conquered nations. Yet there is sound sense in the resolve of the American Government and the Red Cross to repudiate the suggestion that supplies be distributed by neutral agents in subjugated lands. The reason for lack of interest in feeding Europe is a matter of common knowledge. All the intended recipients would get, would be the small satisfaction of smelling yankee bacon frying in Nazi skillets.

It seems to be pretty generally admitted that the defense program has slowed down a little, but who is to blame, if blame can be deposited on one set of shoulders, is a point that has not been settled. Almost any group may have to face the accusing finger. Congress, organized labor, industry, and the Administration are responsible, if all charges are true. In other words, the country is in league against itself. Add the efforts of Communism, and defense appears to have no chance at all.

If is sometimes charged that Americans are strong on short lived enthusiasm and short on sustained interest. There might be something in that. During the campaign, both leading parties capitalized on national defense. It took on a partisan garb and went over large. With the spell binders taking a four year vacation, the public settled back on the time honored policy of letting George do it. The country simply has bitten off a larger mouthful than it can chew at noontime lunch room speed. It is idle to pass back and forth the charge that this agency or that is lying down on the defense job.

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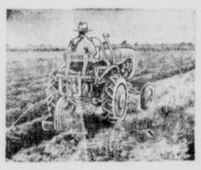
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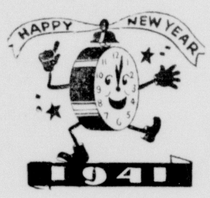
"Devil's Pipeline"
With Richard Arlen and Andy Devine
Admission—10c and 20c



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Edward Macauley of the Packard Motor Co., designed this square-cut coat of beige Hockanum wool. To go with the coat, there is a shoulder-strap bag, haxagonal like the hub-cap designed on the 120 Convertible Coupe, which accompanies the model here.

Libya ◆ Battleground For Centuries

One of the confusing things about trying to keep up to date on geography during a world disturbance is that they change names on you when you're not looking.

Some of the maps of North Africa show a country called Tripoli, or Tripolitania. Others show Libya but no Tripoli. The two names both apply, loosely, to the same Italian province, though the boundaries have shifted considerably from time to time.

The advance of the British armies into Libya, following the drive of Italy into Egypt in an effort to command Suez, is merely a resumption of a row that has been going on in that neighborhood for several thousand years.

Like Albania, Libya has been overrun by major and minor Powers ever since history began, and the end is not yet. Anciently, it was composed of all North Africa except Egypt.

Greece was the first major Power (in those days) to move in. Homer mentions Libya in his Odyssey, as land of great fertility, to the west of Egypt. Cyrene was a Greek city, and it gave the name to the area known as Cyrenaica, which, together with Tripolitania proper, roughly made up the present area of Libya.

Greece was succeeded by the Ptolemies, Greco-Egyptian rulers who flourished from a few years before Christ to about three centuries later. Then the Romans took over. In fact, Rome in its heyday was supposed to have controlled all Africa except Egypt and Ethiopia. The famous city of Carthage, in what is now Tunisia, was west of Libya. Carthage had been crushed, about a century and a half before Christ, after a Roman statesman had insisted on its destruction at the end of every speech, and he made a lot of speeches.

When Rome fell, the Vandals overran Libya. Then the Byzantine rulers chased out the Vandals, then the Arabs chased out the Byzantines. The Turks were next in the waiting line, and this brings the mottled history of Libya up to 1553.

Turkish rule degenerated into a disreputable free-for-all for the Barbary pirates, who took charge of practically the entire North African coast, and ran things with a high hand for about three centuries.

In May, 1801, the Pasha of this outfit demanded that the newly formed United States of America pay him $83,000 in tribute, in line with the general custom. Great Britain had been paying big sums, purposely, to keep out trade competition. Our young Government got tired of this blackmail and sent Stephen Decatur over there, and our first naval war in the Mediterranean took place. The money wasn't paid and the blackmail system went out of fashion before long.

In 1881, Italy began to covet Libya again, especially since France had grabbed Tunis, Algeria, Morocco and a lot of the Sahara Desert. The general idea seemed to be that the Roman Empire had one owned all of this territory. Finally, in November, 1911, the areas known as Tripolitania and Cyrenacia came under Italian control. This first World War stopped active burglary.

When Mussolini started rebuilding what he thought was the modern version of the ancient Roman Empire, his thoughts naturally turned to Libya, and also to Ethiopia, the strategic transportation port of Djibouti in French Somaliland, and Tunisia, the site of ancient Carthage. He considered himself the residuary legatte of the Caesars and started in to make good.

In the meantime, he did a creditable job of colonizing. With big posters he first sold the idea to young Fascists, then got together 20,000 of them—first installment of what was to be a colony of 100,000 around Cyrene—to move across the Mediterranean. Each family had to have at least eight members and was given 30 acres of irrigated land, a four or five room modernistic house, a mule or two, some other livestock, implements and seed.

The famous Marshal Italo Balbo, who flew to Chicago during the "Century of Progress" fair and had a Chicago street named after him, was put in charge as Governor and he also did a good job.

The Italian Government built a 1200-mile highway from Egypt to Tunisia. Tripoli was modernized. The colonists began to raise wheat, barley, olives, tobacco and various vegetables, the climatic conditions being much like those of Arizona or Imperial Valley. It is mostly desert, about 360,000 square miles, and a population of 717,000 mostly Arabs.

The whole grandiose enterprise was built up around the idea of "Mare Nostrum," that the Mediterranean should resume its ancient function of being a thoroughfare for Italians. Eventually all of old Libya, including Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco, would be restored. North Africa would be the new frontier of the expanding Fascist empire. It would pour wealth into the home office at Rome. Even Egpyt, once conquered by Napoleon, and Suez would fall under Fascist rule. Great trade routes to India and the Far East would be under Italian control. Eventually Gibraltar, the Pillars of Hercules, would slip. France was to be crushed and Britain chased out. It was a great dream.

A dark incident marred the picture when Balbo died mysteriously in an airplane crash a few months ago. It was an open secret that Mussolini was jealous of Balbo. Balbo was very popular. It didn't look good. Graziani was moved in. He was supposed to be the leatherneck of the Fascist military gang. But Graziani isn't having much luck these days.

The British army is now in Libya, threatening to destroy the whole Italian army there. If Italy loses Libya, it will have suffered one of the worst disasters in all its imperial history, for Ethiopia will probably be mopped up also, and Mussolini will have to stay on his side of the Mediterranean, Caesar or no Caesar.—Elmer T. Peterson, in the Daily Oklahoman.

MUDER AND BANK ROBBERY AT GALLATIN, MISSOURN

James Boys Suspected

December 7, 1869, is a date not to be forgotten in the history of Daviess county. The robbery of the Gallatin bank and the brutal murder of the president, John W. Sheets, occured seventy-one years ago this week, but few have forgotten the tragedy and even yet there is a mystery linked with it.

Around noon on December 7, two unmasked men entered the Daviess County Savings Bank at Gallatin. The president John W. Sheets, and the only other person in the bank, a young man named McDowell, were held at the point of a gun while one of the men took several hundred dollars from the till and safe. There seems to have been no apparent reason for a murder in the robbery, but before leaving the bank, one of the men leveled his revolver and shot the president fatally through the head and chest.

An alarm was given and in the escape the bandits exchanged shots with the gathering crowd. One robber was unable to mount his horse and left the scene riding double with his partner. A short distance southwest of Gallatin, they took a horse belonging to Daniel Smoot, a farmer, and fled in the direction of Kidder, near where all trace of them was lost.

The people of northwestern Missouri were horrified and threatened violence if the outlaws were caught. The horse left in Gallatin was identified as belonging to the James brothers, Frank and Jesse, who lived with their mother on a farm in Clay county. The boys had the reputation of being "desperate men, having had much experience in horse and revolver work."

Immediate steps were taken for the arrest of the James boys. John S. Thomason, deputy sheriff of Clay county, went with his son and two men from Gallatin to the James home. What happened when they rode into the farmyard is not definitely known. However, as the usual story goes, when the men approached the house, the James brothers mounted on good horses and escaped. No one was hurt in the running fight, but Thomason's horse was kiled—shot, it is said, by Jesse James. Charles S. Murray former printer and editor of the Liberty Tribune, told that Jesse later paid Oscar Thomason $125 in cash for the loss of his father's mount.

A week later, Governor McClurg ordered George W. Belt, sheriff of Platte county, to raise a company of thirty militiamen to help in the arrest of the outlaws. A reward of $3,000 was offered for their arrest and according to the Liberty Tribune of January 14, 1870, five hundred dollars of this money was pledged by the county court of Daviess county for the bodies of Frank and Jesse James taken "dead or alive." In May 1870, a Daviess county grand jury indicted the brothers for the murder of Sheets.

As time passed, the campaign became more intense, and in October, 1873, Governor Silas Woodson offered a reward of $2,000 for the "arrest and delivery of the bodies of the said Frank and Jesse James, to the sheriff of Daviess county, Missouri."

In response to this proclamation Jesse James worte the editor of the Kansas City Times on December 20, 1873, from Deer Lodge, Montana, He made a proposition that he and his brother would surrender to the governor and stand trial for the Gallatin robbery and murder if the trial would be held in some town other than Gallatin and if the governor would protect them from mob violence and not surrender them to the Iowa militia. Local historians say Woodson ignored this proposition.

It seems that the people of Gallatin never wavered in their conviction that either Frank or Jesse killed Sheets. Jesse was shot by Robert Ford, a member of his gang in St. Joseph, Missouri, on April, 3, 1882, and on October 5, Frank surrendered to Governor Thomas T. Crittenden. He was tried at Gallatin in August and September, 1883, for murder in connection with a train robbery near Winston in Davies county on July 15, 1881, but the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. The State's chief witness, was finally disqualified and all charges against him were dropped.

The tragedy of December 7, 1869, remains more or less a mystery. Although the evidence is not sufficient to tie the crime unmistakably to either of the James brothers, it is generally believed that one or both were involved.

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Rat Killing Time

Beginning with cold weather, "when crops are in the barn, so is the rat," is the experience of too many farmers who discuss this problem with Scott County Agent.

Rat control is a continuous process and not attained over night or without effort. Rat-proof all new buildings; close all openings through which rats can gain entrance; clean up shelters for rats by promptly disposing of all garbage, trash waste lumber piles. Remove waste that rats can feed on, provide covers for garbage cans. Protect natural enemies of the rat when they are not in themselves harmful; a good rat dog will often keep a farm free of rats.

Destroy rats themselves by use of poison baits, and by fumigating rate burrows and hiding places with poison gas where practical.

Red squill poison baits were effective for Scott County farmers who used them last winter. Red squill is relatively harmless to humans and domestic animals but is deadly to rats. Mix 1 oz. of powdered red squill with a little water to form a thin paste free of lumps and six thoroughly with 1 pound of ground meat, fish, or cereal flour, such as oat meal, graham, corn or bran (The meat or fish will be the most effective where the rats are feeding on corn or other cereal grains.) Divide the mixture into baits about the size of a small marble. You should have about 50 baits from this mixture. Wrap each bait in a small piece of paper or put in a small paper sack. These freshly prepared baits should be exposed late in the afternoon, in every part of the premises where rats are using. A large number of small baits is more effective than a few large ones. Leave baits out for 3 days after which all of those uneaten should be collected and destroyed.

If live rats are still to be found the baiting must be repeated in about two weeks. Pre-baiting (putting out baits contained no poison) to give the rat confidence will make the second round of poison baits more effective.

Additional information may be obtained at the local County Agent's Office.

A battle between two rabbits and a snake was recently witnessed in Texas . . . a pumper for the city water works was standing by the door of his station when he noticed a small rabbit, about one-third grown, hopping along . . . suddenly a snake grabbed the rabbit, which began to squeal . . . instantly two full-grown cottontails appeared and attacked the reptile . . . with vigorous kicks of their hind legs they forced the snake to release the baby rabbit . . . papa, mamma and baby rabbit then scurried off, while the snake scurried to cover in a nearby lumber pile.

Split, buttered, and toasted English muffins with marmalade are excellent holiday fare when relatives and friends come for a late buffet breakfast.

Allotment for New Cotton Farms

A new farm permitted acreage will be determined for 1941 cotton crop on farms that have not planted cotton in 1938, 1939 or 1940, according to Evin Burke, Chairman of the Scott County Agricultural Conservation Association. Farmers desiring an allotment established under this provision shall submit a request in writing to the County Agricultural Conservation Committee in Renton, not later than March 1, 1941.

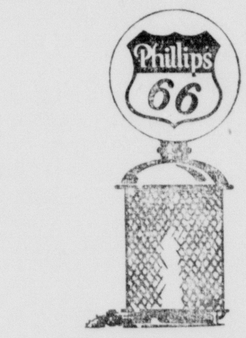
Farms on which cotton was grown in 1938, 1939 or 1940 will already have an allotment established, and, therefore, will not need to submit the written application, says Mr. Burge.

Cotton allotments on new cotton farms are established for the purpose of Cotton Marketing Quotas only and will not earn cotton payment in 1941. This new allotment cannot exceed 40 percent of the township cotton allotment average established for the township in which the farm is located.

The total allotment for the farm on which this new cotton allotment is established will be reduced by an acerage equal to 35 percent of this cotton allotment, and if this newly established total is not large enough to cover the wheat, corn and cotton allotments, the corn allotment must be reduced to take care of any excess.

BAPTIST TO HAVE NEW YEAR'S PARTY

A New Year's party will be held in the basement of the First Baptist Church Tuesday evening beginning at 8 o'clock for all the members. A program of entertainment has been planned for the first part of the evening, which will be followed by a devotional by the Rev. A. B. Cooper of Charleston.



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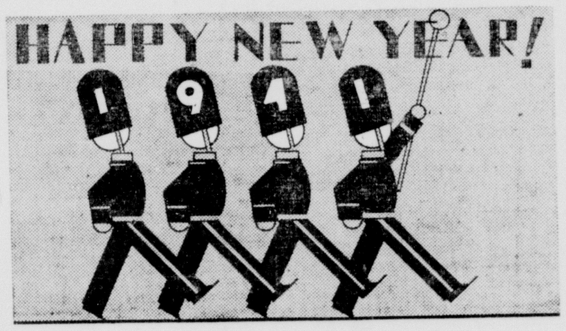

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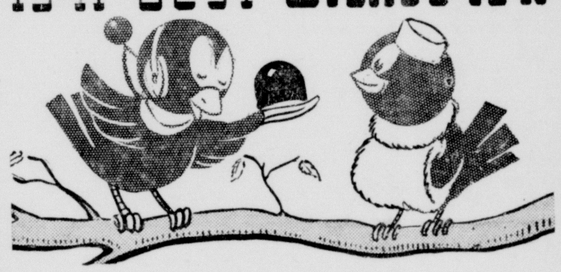

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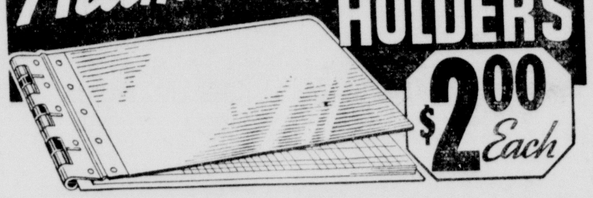

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DULCY

"This thing's worth millions" said Van Dyke.

SYNOPSIS:

Running true to form Dulcy Ward (Ann Sothern) has messed things up at the house party she arranged to sell Gordon Daly's (Ian Hunter) airplane motor to C. Roger Forbes (Roland Young) and also win Mr. Forbes' consent to a marriage between his daughter Angela (Lynn Carver) and her brother Bill (Dan Dailey, Jr.) An accidential guest who represented himself as Schuyler Van Dyke (Reginald Gardiner)—but is really the deranged brother of Homer Patterson, a Van Dyke associatehas bought an option on the motor with a worthless check. Forbes, enraged at mishaps of which he has been the victim, is about to take his family home. He's a bit worried about the motor deal.

CHAPTER SIX

"Roger, there are times when I suspect that you're out of your mind. And there are other times—like now—when I'm sure of it!" Mrs. Forbes was making the most of a wonderful opportunity. "Why did you let Mr. Van Dyke steal that motor from right out under your nose?" She'd heard Van Dyke make his dire prediction of ruin for the entire Forbes family—and she may have been thinking, too, of the night before when her husband had had some biting things to say to her.

In the living room the grandiloquent purchaser of Gordon Daly's brain child had just left him and Dulcy, with another of his strange remarks.

Dulcy was clasped in Gordon's arms when Momer Patterson entered the room.

"Er-please forgive me," he said. I'm Homer Patterson. I'm looking for Miss Ward."

"That's me," said Dulcy.

"Oh, I see. Tell me, Miss Ward, do you have a guest by the name of Schuyler Van Dyke?" the newcomer asked.

"Yes," Dulcy answered.

"Thank heavens!" Patterson said with a sigh of relief. "Permit me to explain. My story may be a bit startling. The man you know as Schuyler Van Dyke is my brother, Horace Patterson. Unfortunately, he suffers from delusions of grandeur—thinks he's a millionaire . . . goes around forming big companies. Of course, he's perfectly harmless. I'm glad I arrived before he got himself involved."

Dulcy and Gordon stared hopelessly at each other. They had tumbled out of the clouds.

Skillful wheedling on Homer Patterson's part won his brother's promise to leave the Ward lodge quietly and return at once to New York. He was reluctant to go, he said, because of the big deal he had pending.

It was just a few minutes after Forbes had tried to redeem his business judgment in the eyes of his critical wife and had been told by Dulcy that "Van Dyke" was a "loony-bug" that the airplane manufacturer encountered Homer Patterson as he left his brother's room.

"Why, Mr. Patterson! What are you doing here?" he cried. "You remember me, of course—C. Roger Forbes—Forbes Aircraft, you know."

"Oh, yes, Mr. Forbes. Glad to see you again," Patterson replied with his mind quite obviously on other things.

"The Van Dyke interests seem to keep you pretty busy . . . must be important for him to send you up here at this hour," Forbes said knowingly.

"Well—ah—just a little matter of business we simply had to clear up today," Patterson answered with the same air of reoccupation. "If you'll excuse me, Mr. Forbes—I have a phone call to make."

The minute Homer Patterson was out of sight C. Roger Forbes walked to the door of Van Dkye's room with the air of a man who had thought long and hard and arrived at a very definite conclusion.

"About this motor of Daly's, Van Dyke," he said as he entered the room. "I wonder if I might look it over. Purely professional interest, you know."

"Certainly! No trouble at all!" answered Van Dyke heartily. "I'd like to look it over again myself—it makes a wonderful breeze!"

Forbes gave a start—but he had made up his mind.

The airplane manufacturer knew his business. It was his expert hands that put Gordon's model through its paces, down in the boathouse again.

"Remarkable! I can't understand what . . . Remarkable!" he kept saying more to himself than to his companion who stood by, interested mainly in "the breeze."

"Look here, Van Dyke," Forbes said finally. "You're in no position to manufacture these motors. it means equipping a plant, costly experiments, and lots of things. With all your other interests, this probably isn't of any great importance to you. I'li tell you what I'll do—I'll give you a profit of five thousand dollars on your option."

"Do I look like a fool?" exclaimed Van Dyke indignantly. "This things's worth millions." As he remembered it, these were the exact words Dulcy had used.

"Oh!" gasped Forbes as his feathers fell—but he needn't have worried.

"Make it ten thousand and it's a deal," continued the master showman playing the game he loved so well. Forbes reached for his check book and pen.

He was writing frantically when Homer Patterson came through the door in frantic searfh of his ward.

"Wait a minute! What's going on here?" he shouted as Forbes put the paper into Van Dyke's hand and accepted another one from him.

"You're too late, Mr. Patterson," Forbes cried exultantly. "I've just bought your principal's interest in the Gordon Daly motor!"

"But you don't understand . . . there's something I'd like to explain," continued Patterson.

"There's nothing to explain, Mr. Patterson," Forbes rejoined shortly. "You're a pretty shrewd lawyer but you can't get around this." The paper he waved was the transfer of option he had written for Van Dyke to sign.

Patterson shrugged his shoulders. "Let me see that check," he said, turning to his brother.

It duly and legally transferred ten thousand dollars from C. Roger Forbes to Schuyler Van Dyke.

"You're perfectly satisfied with your deal, Forbes? . . . This motor is a good thing?" he said.

"I'm perfectly satisfied—and I guess you know how good a thing this motor is," Forbes answered triumphantly.

"Well, Schuyler," said Patterson addressing his brother. "This check will pay for your airplane. Come along."

The airplane manufacturer had a little more crowing to do.

"My dear Miss Ward," he said when he met Dulcy and Gordon a few minutes later. "I just want you to know that all your trickery has been of no avail. I've just bought Mr. Van Dyke's option on Mr. Daly's motor. You ought to know better than to match wits with a man who has been in business all his life. How in the world did you expect me to swallow the story that Mr. Van Dyke was insane? I happen to know Homer Patterson and I know he doesn't go 'round chasing lunatics."

Once more both Dulcy and Gordon stood aghast. Dulcy was the first to speak.

"But Mr. Van Dkye must have been crazy," she said. "He paid Gordon ten thousand dollars and besides gave him a twenty-one per cent royalty."

"Twenty-one per cent! That's impossible!" exclaimed Forbes wideeyed.

"Oh, no, it isn't! I remember—because twenty-one is my lucky number," Dulcy replied with a sincerity that made Gordon marvel.

"That's all right, Mr. Forbes," he interjected. "You don't have to—"

"Oh, no you don't. You can't squeeze me out now!" Forbes fumed. "If Van Dyke's crazy—then I'm crazy too. I'll pay the twenty-one per cent."

Gordon continued to look like a man in a trance as Forbes left him and Dulcy on a garden seat near the dock.

He saw Henry come up from the lake leading Sneezy by the hand. "Don't tell nobody we been gowin' 'round in circles—they'll think we're nuts," he heard Henry say. "But I guess we did all right by keepin' outta the way." This mysterious speech didn't help to clear his mind.

Finally, the light seemed to break. He took Dulcy's hand. "I see it all now, darling," he said. "After exerything else failed you told Forbes Van Dyke was crazy so that when he saw Patterson here he'd think we were trying to put something over on him—which is exactly what happened. That was a great bit of thinking, dear."

"But, Gordon, I didn't!" was Dulcy's completely befuddled answer.

"No need to side step to make way for me," Gordon laughed. "You put the whole deal over—and nobody else."

"I don't know what you're talking about—I don't know what anybody's talking about," Little Miss Fix-it cried in impotent denial.

Brother Bill was with the Forbes family when they came down from the lodge to their waiting boat.

"Goodbye, Angela!" Dulcy called, " . . . and Bill, are you going to?"

"Yeah—I'm in the family again," Bill answered. "I don't know what you said or did—I don't even want to know. All I'm sure of is — it must have been unconscious."

As the guests and Bill slid out on the quiet waters of the lake, Gordon took Dulcy in his arms.

"Listen, darling," he said tenderly. "From now on, I wish you'd let me in on your plans."

"Oh, Gordon," she answered as she clung close, to revel in the protection of his strength. "From now on I have no more plans. I never interfere in anything again as long as I live."

"Fine, darling, that's perfect," said Gordon—but he wondered at the sparkle he saw growing in his bride-to-be's eyes as she looked out after the departing launch.

"Oh, Gordon! I've just thought of the most marvelous idea," she exploded. "You know Eleanor Forbes isn't really very happy with Mr. Forbes—and I thought that next week-end . . . "

THE END

Home Owners Forum

By ABNER GORDON

Based on the fact that paint will not set well under freezing conditions, home owners frequently believe exterior painting to be impossible during the winter months. However, weather statistics contradict this belief revealing many fair days—even weeks—with moderate tmperatures from November to April when paint may be applied with security, freeing Spring days for other activities.

With the heavy dews and frost common to winter nights, painting should be confined to the hours around noon, so that the early morning sun has time to dry out the surface before work is begun. Likewise, the temperature is more likely to be near or above the recognized painting minimum of 50° F. between the hours of ten and three. If the thermometer drops suddenly work should cease, or the hours be restricted accordingly.

Although slight variations are essential from standard warm weather formulas, winter painting follows the same application procedure. Sufficient extra turpentine is required to maintain brushing consistency, while an increase in the liquid drier will expedite the drying of the paint film.

The tenacity and elasticity of the paint ar the major factors determining the durability and decorative quality of winter work. For this reason, the best results are obtained by those who mix their paint on the job from soft paste white lead and pure vehicle ingredients, the better to regulate the additional thinner and drier according to climatic requirements.

Q.—Suggest a method for removing whitewash from the interior face of a stone foundation.

A.—Whitewash can be readily removed by scrubbing stone briskly with a weak mixture of household ammonia and hot water.

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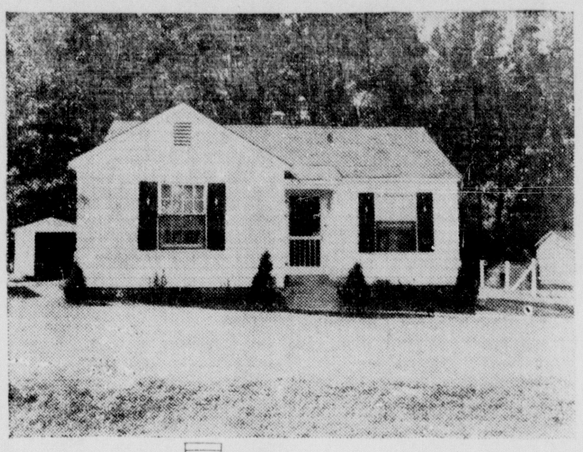

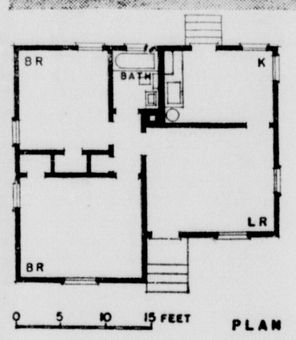

This small home contains two bedrooms, living room, kitchen, and bath. In order to economize, the dining room has been omitted and the living room is so arranged that it can do double duty and serve as a dining room during meal hours. Valued at $2,900, this property was financed with a mortgage of $2,600 insured by the Federal Housing Administration. Monthly payments on a 25-year mortgage of this amount, exclusive of local taxes and hazard insurance, amount to about $15.

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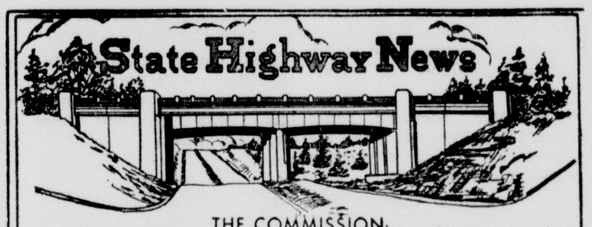

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Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 23.—State road projects, included in the letting held last Friday, follow:

Stoddard County—State Road No. 25, 3.364 miles graded earth, cement stabilization and asphaltic concrete, Cape Girardeau county line south through Advance. Low bid and bidder, Markham & Brown, Cape Girardeau, Mo., $96,429.20.

Butler County—U. S. Route 67, 11½ miles of graded earth, 22 ft. concrete and roadside improvement, from Route 14 south of Poplar Bluff toward Arkansas state line. Low bid and bidder: Koss Construction Co., Des Moines, Iowa, and Clark Kearney and Stark, St. Louis, Mo., $404,801.13. (combination bid.)

Included are also two bridges over the Epps Drainage canal.

TABLE TURNING DEPARTMENT

When a fish eats a bird, that's news . . . a Texas game warden recently saw such a turning of the tables . . . a bass made one futile leap towards a tree overhanging the water in which a bird was perched . . . the second time, however, the bass caught the bird and disappeared into the depths of the Devil's River where the drama of nature took place . . . not long after, the same warden discovered a five-pound largemouth bass which had hanged itself by the gills on a twig of an overhanging tree . . . the warden believes this fish also, had been trying to catch a bird.

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In behalf of the members of "United Outdoorsmen of Missouri," we wish to express our most sincere heartfelt thanks to the farmers or property owners who so kindly permitted us to trespass on their premises for sporting purposes. We want to wish them a most bountiful and prosperous new year along with our promise of greater friendship and cooperation.

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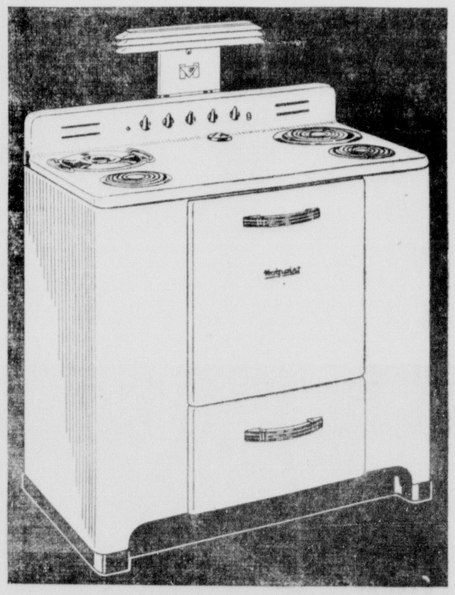

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PERSONALS

Mrs. E. C. Matthews was the guest of her brother, W. F. Bergmann at the annual Christmas dinner given by the Rotary Club of Cape Girardeau, Saturday evening at the Marquette Hotel.

Miss Jane Greer, Kinnard Dillon, of Morehouse and Moore Greer Jr., motored to Moorehead, Miss., Christmas afternoon, where they were guests at a party that evening. They were accompanied to Sikeston Thursday night by Miss Carolyn Riddell of Moorehead, who is a holiday guest in the Greer home.

Mrs. Anna Winchester spent Christmas and the week end with her daughter, Mrs. John Stokes and family in Mayfield, Ky. She returned to Sikeston Monday, accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. Stokes and their two children, Ann and John Jr., who will visit her until Thursday.

Miss Jane Greer was hostess at a bunking party Monday night which is an annual event for a group of her friends.

Mr. and Mrs. William Corrigan and son returned Sunday from St. Louis where they visited Mrs. Corrigan's aunt, Miss Nelle Sullivan.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Yanson, daughter, Miss Nell, and son, Charles, were guests of Mrs. Yanson's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Edminston in Paragould, Ark., Christmas day.

Miss Helen Fisher entertained informally at her home in Morehouse last Thursday night, honoring her brother, Cadet Roger Fisher of the U. S. Military Academy, who is home for the holidays.

Mrs. G. P. Van Arsdale Jr., was hostess at a dessert-bridge last Friday afternoon at her suburban home, complimenting a group of college girls who are spending the holidays in Sikeston.

Eugenia Potashnick is visiting her cousins, Ann and Mary Potashnick, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Potashnick in Cape Girardeau.

Mr. and Mrs. Duree Medley had as overnight guests in their home last Thursday, Mrs. Jack Scanlin of Blytheville, Ark., and Mr. and Mrs. Andrea Vorgeau of Winter Park, Fla.

Bob Dover left last Thursday for San Diego, Calif., where he was transferred by the U. S. Navy from Pensacola, Fla.

Mrs. Robert Lillard of Arlington, Ky., was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. C. D. Matthews III Monday night and expects to leave this Tuesday for San Diego, Calif., to visit her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Reece Lillard.

Miss Olga Matthews entertained the following guests at dinner in her home last Thursday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Duree Medley, Mr. and Mrs. Andrea Vourgeau of Winter Park, Fla., Mrs. Jack Scanlin of Blytheville, Ark., and Joe Matthews Jr.

Cadet Joe Dover, who spent Christmas week in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dover, left Saturday morning for Jefferson City to be the guest of Miss Dorothy Means. He also visited friends in Fayette and Salisbury, and St. Louis, before leaving Monday for the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. Cadet Dover and Cadet Frank Waddell of East St. Louis made their return trip to the Academy by airplane.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young Jr., who were married in Cape Girardeau on Dec. 19, returned from their wedding trip for Christmas dinner with the former's parents, and departed that evening for their home in Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Lon Nall spent Sunday in Caruthersville as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davis. She was accompanied to Sikeston by Mrs. Davis, who will visit her for a week.

Miss Helen Vera Dudley was hostess at a dinner Sunday to the following guests, Miss Electa Shankle, Miss Martha Lou Dorris of Illmo, Miss Gwendolyn Kirk, Miss Ruth Hollingsworth, Miss Lucille Hahs, Miss Emily Kendall, Miss Lois Hahs and Miss Becky Rockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Uht of La Belle, Mo., are visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Uht for several weeks.

Miss Ruth Evelyn Reed returned to her home in St. Louis Monday after visiting her aunt, Mrs. Ruth Malone, for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Jones will spend New Year's Eve and the following day in Cape Girardeau with Mrs. Jones' delatives.

Miss Esther Jane Greeer, Miss Mary Jane Sikes, Roger Fisher, Edward Matthews, Charles Tanner and Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey attended a formal dance at the Cape Girardeau Country Club Monday night, Dec. 23, given by Mrs. R. B. Oliver in honor of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Oliver Jr., of Dallas, Texas, and her son, Jack Oliver.

Roy and Jimmy Nall went to St. Louis Saturday to visit their mother, Mrs. Thelma Nall for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Moore Greer, daughter, Miss Jane, and son, Moore Jr., were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Van Horne at the Dunn Hotel Christmas day.

Miss Martha Lou Dorris of Illmo was the week end guest of Miss Electa Shankle. Saturday night, Miss Shankle entertained the following guests in compliment to Miss Dorris, Miss Nina Vern Taylor, Miss Marie Lewis, Miss Mary Lou Schroff, Miss Eleanor Righter, Miss Helen Vera Dudley, Mrs. Hugh McCollum, Miss Mary Helen Wagner and Mrs. Royal McKinney.

Charlie Keith, local painter, was struck by a Hitt Taxi Saturday night, knocking him down, breaking his leg. He was taken to the Sikeston Hospital in the Albritton ambulance for medical attention.

Mrs. Mary Hicks, of New Madrid, was removed from the home of her son-in-law, Carl Miller in Sikeston to her home in the Albritton ambulance along with the baby girl of ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartley R. Schwegler spent Sunday in Memphis, Tenn., as guests of Mrs. Schwegler's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly.

Mrs. Lewis Flewelling entertained at a bridge party last Friday night, at which the out-of-town guests were Mrs. Fred Rodman and Mrs. Jack Harty of Jefferson City. Mrs. Rodman, who is spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kendall, expects to return to her home Wednesday. Mr. Rodman will come to Sikeston and accompany her to their home.

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Mrs. Bert Engram entertained at a surprise dinner Sunday, complimenting her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Vance Engram, on her birth anniversary. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Vance Engram, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Vaughn, Miss Dorothy and Virgil Vaughn and Mrs. Sadie York.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kendall entertained their family at dinner on Christmas day. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rodman of Jefferson City, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Flewelling and Mr. and Mrs. Tharan Stallings and son, Charles of Sikeston.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gardner entertained at a dinner Christmas day for the following guests: Mrs. A. E. Shankle, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Gardner, Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Layton and son, Tommy of Puxico, Mrs. Robbins and son, Carl, of Gray's Ridge. The party drove to Lilbourn that evening to visit with Mr. Gardner's mother, Mrs. Mary Gardner.

Mrs. Sadie York had as Christmas dinner guests at her home near Miner, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Engram, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Engram, Mrs. Norah Holton, Frankie Engram, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Hardin of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ensor of Osceola, Ark., and Mr. and Mrs. Warren York and children.

Miss Treva York went to St. Louis Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Hardin for a week.

Mrs. Walter Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. Tharon Stallings and son, Charles, Mrs. Fred Rodman and Mrs. Lewis Flewelling were in Cape Girardeau Monday afternoon.

TAKEN IN AMBULANCE

Jonas Sullivan was taken from the Bill Cole farm north of Sikeston to Mrs. Haley's residence on Fletcher, Saturday in the Ellise ambulance. Mrs. Haley is a relative of the sick man.

NEW YEAR'S DAY TO BE QUIET HERE

The bank, postoffice and places of business generally will close on New Year's day. No other plans have been made public for celebrating the occasion, although several watch parties will be held to speed the old year out and the new one in.

EDWARDS STORE ROBBED SAT. NITE

About $35 in cash, cigars and cigarettes and other articles were taken from the Edward's Store on Highway 60 in Morehouse Saturday night, when burglars broke into the building. John O. Edwards of Sikeston owns the general store and gas station operated in connection with it, and his brother, Jack Edwards, assists in the management. No clues had been found Monday.

MOREHOUSE MAN BURIED SUNDAY

Harry Lem Aldridge died Friday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Aldridge in Morehouse, of pneumonia. He was born Oct. 28, 1922. Services were held Sunday afternoon at the Pentecostal Church in Morehouse with the Rev. Brack officiating, and burial was made in Memorial Cemetery in Sikeston, with Ellise service.

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FATHER OF HYBRID CORN HONORED

Dr. George Harrison Shull (left), professor of botany at Princeton University, recently honored as the "Father of Hybrid Corn" by the DeKalb Agricultural Assn., with headquarters at DeKalb, Ill., Dr. Shull started his corn hybridization experiments in 1905. Since then agricultural experiment station scientists and independent corn breeders have advanced the work until today, hybrid corn is raised on more than half the total corn acreage in the corn belt. With Dr. Shull is William Mentjes of Le Sueur county, Minnesota, who holds the trophy just awarded him as 1940 Grand champion in the National DeKalb Hybrid Corn Growing Contest. The remarkable yield of 157.69 bushels per acre which gave Mr. Mentjes the championship was made possible through Dr. Shull's experiments 35 years ago.

Sikeston General Hospital

G. C. Miller entered the hospital on Friday, Dec. 27 for medical treatment.

Charles Allen Cook was transferred here from the Ironton Hospital on Thursday, Dec. 26 for treatment for injuries received in an automobile accident.

Mrs. Ruth Heinemann underwent an operation at the hospital Monday morning.

SERVICES FOR KEWANEE MAN

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Baptist Church in Lilbourn for John Coffee, 74, who died at his home in Kewanee Thursday night. He had lived in Kewanee for the past six years and had spent his entire life in that vicinity. Interment was made at Mounds Park with Ellise Service.

Surviving are the widow, two sons, Jerry and Andy of Los Angeles, Calif., and six daughters, Miss Lucille Coffee of Kewanee, Mrs. Elbert Middleton of Lilbourn, Mrs. Leonard Radcliffe of Matthews, Mrs. Pete Weeks of Lilbourn, Mrs. Sally Chambers of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Jewell Ditto of Sikeston.

HAS TONSILS REMOVED

Edward Noonan, older son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Noonan, underwent a tonsillectomy under Dr. H. E. Reuber Sunday morning.

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The P. C. Editor Says:

Christmas Day was a Happy Day and a Noisy Day at the editor's home with fourteen of our eighteen grandchildren there to be greeted by Santa Claus. All told thirty people dined at our table that day with plenty of turkey left for hash. These children and their parents were not forgotten on this occasion, neither were the Missus and I who were remembered by friends with flowers, candies, cakes and a liberal supply of quail. Long distance telephone messages wishing us health and happiness were greatly appreciated. It is great to live as long as we have and have such a fine lot of sons and daughters and grandchildren and we surely thank God for this blessing.

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C. L. Jones, supervisor of recreation for the WPA in Missouri, with headquarters at Jefferson City, was a Sikeston visitor Friday and while in the city paid The Standard office a substancial call.

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The December 24 edition of The Standard contained 32 pages and carried 245 different advertisements, one page alone carried 50 different advertisements, or a total of 2510 inches of live advertising. It required one ton of print paper to issue this edition and we hope the readers were as well pleased with it as was the publisher and the entire office force.

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We feel certain The Herald underestimated the number of Christmas cards printed in that office as The Standard office printed none and reffered at least fifteen thousand to that office. Why be so modest?

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Prof. Gaines Sunset School Band in their new uniforms did their bit for the Bundles for Britain by parading the business streets of Sikeston Tuesday afternoon to the Railroad Park where they gave a few numbers that drew a large crowd. The drum major and the majorettes stepped high, wide and handsome during the parade. The Standard office was honored with a serenade from the band while on parade.

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An inmate of the Nebraska Penitentiary hung up his stocking and left a note for Santa Claus, but old Saint Nick passed right on by. The note said: "Dear Santa—I don't want much. Just a couple of hacksaw blades and a road map back to Tennessee."

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Success, real success, not always is measured by the right yardstick. The Paris Appeal sums up the purpose of living very neatly when it says: "A lot of dead people get credit for having been successful in life just because they made a lot of money for their kinfolks to spend. No individual is really a success unless his passing is a personal loss to somebody, other than relatives. When at least one individual can truthfully say that life has been sweeter because of him, he has been a success though he leaves no estate at all."

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Harry Blanton, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blanton, upon seeing his cousin, Judy Blanton, 15-months old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Blanton, of St. Louis, for the first time on Christmas morning informed his mother that Santa Claus had left a live doll at their house.

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Tom Scott, warden of the Missouri Penitentiary at Jefferson City, was in Southeast Missouri the week end. It was reported he was feeling out the situation as to the proposed contest for Governor of Missouri, and that he said if the contest was made the Democratic party in the State was through. It seems the party is busted now and a contest will not divide the factions any worse than they are now. Tom has been on the losing side of everything that he has favored for the past several years and he is on the losing side of this contest because Southeast Missouri favors the contest if there is sufficient evidence to cause the same. We are told, too, that Tom is seeking the minority member of the Pardon and Parole Board, which is all right here.

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Colonel Blanton wishes to withdraw the offer to sell or rent a perfectly good Colonel's Uniform as it is uncertain at this time just who will be given the certificate of election as Governor of Missouri and he may be able to use it again.

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Mrs. David Blanton entertained at a dessert-bridge Saturday afternoon at her home on Tanner.

New Kiwanis Officials Take Office Jan. 1

Conway, Ark., Monday December 30: Hubert L. Minton, of Conway, governor-elect of the Missouri-Kansas-Arkansas Kiwanis district and all other 1941 officials will take office on January 1.

Mr. Minton was elected last October at the annual district convention in Topeka, Kans. Mr. William H. Bryan, of St. Louis, Mo., is the retiring governor.

In the Missouri-Kansas-Arkansas district there are 122 clubs with a merbership of 5,729, Mr. Minton stated, and in the United States and Canada there are 2,130 clubs with a membership of over 110,000.

The fourteen lieutenant governors who will take office this week are:

Missouri: Fourth P. Starr, Canton; Dr. H. M. Bankhead, Fulton; Thomas H. Baker, North Kansas City; Albert B. Duncan, St. Joseph; Dr. Guy N. Magness, University City.

Kansas: Edgar Williams, Fort Scott; Glenn V. Banker, Russell; Roy Omer, Salina; Russell C. Triplett, Troy; Paul H. White, Wichita.

Arkansas: Clint Jones, Fayetteville; T. O. Charlton, Paragould; Fred Moore, Pine Bluff; L. Cline Sears, Searcy.

Charles R. Frederick, St. Louis, is the district secretary; George W. Kirk, Sikeston, Mo., the district treasurer.

Other prominent Kiwanins who are members of 1941 international committees are: Calvin M. Keller, Moberly, Mo., (chairman) publicity; W. Donald Dubail, St. Louis, laws and regulations; Lloyd Chambers, Topeka, Kans., vocational guidance.

Dr. Charles B. Holman, of St. Louis, is a trustee of Kiwanis International.

Attend Game In New Orleans

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Barton and their son, Glenn, went to Collierville, Tenn., Saturday evening to spend the week end with Mrs. Barton's parents. Monday morning Mr. and Mrs. Barton, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Portis of Lepanto, Ark., departed for New Orleans, La., to spend several days and attend the Sugar Bowl football game on Jan. 1. Others from Sikeston who will attend the game in New Orleans are Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fisher, and Mr. and Mrs. David Barton and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Jolly of Catron.

Funeral Services For F. D. Hudson

Following a brief funeral service at the Welsh Chapel Thursday morning for Francis DeLaney Hudson, aged 82, the body was removed to Desloge, where services were held that afternoon in the Baptist Church, with interment in the Parkview cemetery at Farmington.

Mr. Hudson had been ill since he came to Sikeston on Nov. 27 to visit his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Stevens. He died at their home Monday night, Dec. 23, of complications.

Born Aug. 18, 1858 in Albermar County, Va., he moved to a farm near Desloge more than 40 years ago, where he remained until his retirement 10 years ago. Since them he had spent his time with his seven daughters, who survive. They are Mrs. Stevens of Sikeston, Mrs. W. L. Krekel and Mrs. B. F. Pigg of St. Louis; Mrs. Fred Hoskins, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Mrs. Ernest Grosche, Lake Arrowhead, Calif., and Miss Sally Hudson and Mrs. Raymond Winer of Los Angeles, Calif.

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Democrats Get Set for Contest Over Governor

Kenneth P. Middleton
in Kansas City Star

A summarized report of at least five types of alleged election irregularities in the recent gubernatorial vote will be presented to the Democratic state committee Monday, as a basis for a legislative investigation, state Democratic leaders revealed today.

Marion Hulen, Democratic state chairman, has called the state meeting at Jefferson City to acquaint that body with the results of extensive investigations of election fraud charges by party workers.

It is understood the state committee, after hearing the Hulen report, will vote on the question of submitting a request to the State Legislature Jan. 8, when the 1941 session convenes. It is considered a foregone conclusion the vote will be overwhelmingly affirmative.

RECOUNT TO BE ASKED

Then the next step contemplated by the state leaders, it was learned, will be to ask the county committees to adopt resolutions calling upon the Legislature to refuse to seat Forrest C. Donnell, Republican, as governor, pending a complete investigation and recount of the ballots.

Hulen has asked the county committee chairman to call simultaneous meetings in the various counties next Friday.

It is understood Hulen is having prepared a documented report showing thousands of instances of alleged election irregularities in the race for governor, in which Donnell, on the face of the official count, received 3,613 more votes than his Democratic opponent, Lawrence McDaniel.

The Hulen report, it was indicated, will show that several thousand ballots marked with the X in the circle at the top of the Democratic ticket had a line drawn through McDaniel's name and no other mark on the ballot.

It is the Democratic contention that these ballots were counted for Donnell despite the fact there was no X mark in front of Donnell's name. A party leader said today that Democrats maintain that the intention of the voters in these thousands of cases was to scratch McDaniel for some reason, but, being Democrats, they had no intention of voting for Donnell, the Republican candidate, and so did not put an X in front of his name.

'TOO MANY VOTES'

Another type of irregularity which it is understood Hulen will submit both to the state committee and subsequently to the Legislature, is that in a number of voting precincts over the state more ballots were cast than there were eligible voters.

Further, the charge will be made that in certain counties, normally Democratic, McDaniel was counted out in the vote tally at the close of election day. Post-election checks in these counties have shown that McDaniel would have carried them if the vote had been properly tallied.

The investigations also have shown, according to a, reliable source, that in certain Republican counties in the Ozark section, no regular polling places were provided. Republican county courts in those districts, according to the allegation, appointed Republican election officials, who conducted the voting in mass meetings, marking ballots for voters and failing to comply with election laws.

It is the charge that in certain Ozark districts the Republican election officials provided lunch for all comers, checked their ballots as they voted, and in some instances handed the voters a second ballot if they didn't get the job done "right" the first time.

HEAR OF SLUSH FUND

Still another complaint of the Democrats, it was indicated, will be that a huge slush fund was used by the Republicans to exert undue influence on voters in city wards and precincts.

Republicans, who at first scoffed at the idea of a Democratic contest of Donnell's election, today were admitting here and outside that it "looked like the Democrats mean business."

G. O. P. leaders still insist that Donnell was elected legally and say they will be ready to face any investigation, with some charges of their own, when the time comes.

Since the certification of election results is the first order of business Jan. 8 when the Legislature meets, it is now apparent that the demand for a gubernatorial investigation will be given first attention. The joint session of the House and Senate is expected to appoint a joint investigating committee.

Nobody knows how long such an investigation would take, but most leaders estimate at least three months.

In Police Court

Buddy Shoats, Freeman Harris and Bob Nolan were each fined with costs $16.85 for disfiguring the face of Ora Mae Lee by the means of a beer bottle in the hands of one of the trio that required 70 stitches to close the wound. All were colored.

Frank Meeks, colored, was assessed a fine with costs of $31.60 for beating up his common law wife, one Galantic Covington, in a bit of jealousy because his gal leaned over and talked with another man in the Golden Lillie picture show in Sunset Addition. Frank gave her a whipping after he got her out of the Golden Lily, then put her in his car, drove her out to the Salcedo Lane where he threw her out and stomped on her, so Galantic testified.

G. Wilson and Phil Hobbs, miners, were before the Court charged with breaking into the Goodwin & Jean Poultry house where they were charged with stealing 25 cents and a goose which they later sold back to Guy Carter, the manager. They likewise entered the Christian Church where they went through papers in the pastors study evidently looking for money. They were placd under bond with their parents to appear before the Circuit Judge at the next term of the juvenile court.

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J. S. Wallace.

Held In Illinois Jail Charged With Forgery

L. O. Boatright, Wendell Brock and R. V. Wilson are held in jail at Marion, Ill., the two latter charged with forging the name of R. D. Clayton to two checks for $21.75 and $21.25. Boatright is held as an accessory as he was with Brock and Wilson. The $21.75 check was cashed at the Home Oil Co. while the $21.25 check was cashed at the Ralph Store west of town. Both checks were cashed December 24.

Requisition has been issued for their return to Scott County to stand trial charged as above.

The men are said to be truck drivers from Illinois.

H. M. Holmes Wins Contest

H. M. Holmes, local agent of Phillips 66, recently won a sales contest carrying a prize of $50. This is the second consecutive year that he was among the winners. This year the contest was based on sales of Lubeoils, Motoroils and greases, and covered September, October and November. The agents were divided into teams of eleven similar to football and sales scores were kept.

WPA Approves High School For Sunset

Information is at hand that the WPA project to build a high school building in Sunset Addition has been approved and the pencil sketch of the proposed building is in the hands of the Itner Architecturial Co. of St. Louis to prepare the finish sketch and working drawings.

The proposed building is to cost $45,000, the sponsors share, $18,000 is to be furnished by the Sikeston School District, the balance by the WPA.

The building is to contain six rooms, a gymnasium and auditorium, be of monolithic concrete construction and if the final plans are approved in Washington, it is hoped to have the building completed by September when school begins.

There are about 200 scholars enrolled in the colored school and it has been known for some time that a high school building would have to be provided so the school board decided the time had arrived to start the movement with the result that it was approved by the WPA headquarters at Jefferson City.

Striking Sentences of Roosevelt's Address

Washington, December 29. — Striking sentences from President Roosevelt's address tonight:

The nub of the whole purpose of your President is to keep you now, and your children later, and your grandchildren much later, out of a last-ditch war for the preservation of American independence.

Never before since Jamestown and Plymouth Rock has our American civilization been in such danger as now.

The Nazi masters of Germany have made it clear that they intend * * * to enslave the whole of Europe, and then to use the resources of Europe to dominate the rest of the world.

The United States has no right or reason to encourage talk of peace until the day shall come when there is a clear intention on the part of the aggressor nations to abandon all thought of dominating or conquering the world.

The experience of the past two years has proven beyond doubt that no nation can appease the Nazis. No man can tame a tiger into a kitten by stroking it.

There is far less chance of the United States getting into war if we do all we can now to support the nations defending themselves against the attack by the Axis than if we acquiesce in their defeat, submit tamely to an Axis victory, and wait our turn to be the object of attack in another war later on.

There is no demand for sending an American expeditionary force outside our own borders. There is no intention by any member of your government to send such a force.

The nation expects our defense industries to continue operation without interruption by strikes or lockouts.

All our present efforts are not enough. We must have more ships, more guns, more planes—more of everything.

There will be no "bottlenecks" in our determination to aid Great Britain. No dictator, no combination of dictators, will weaken that determination by threats of how they will construe that determination.

I believe that the Axis powers are not going to win this war. I base that belief on the latest and best information.

DANCE ORCHESTRA AT COTTON CLUB

Joe Gladley and his orchestra will be featured as entertainment at the Cotton Club on New Year's Eve and is heralded as one of the best organizations for modern dance music. A cover charge will be charged for that evening.

Lt.-Col. Talbert 35th Chaplain To Camp

Lieut.-Col. Robert M. Talbert, chaplain of the 35th Division, Missouri National Guard, received orders today from Gen. R. E. Truman, commanding officer, to report for duty at Camp Robinson, where the division is to be stationed, by noon, Dec. 29.

Col. Talbert said that 18 to 20 chaplains will serve with the division, including members of numerous denominations. Each division chaplain, he has been notified, will be provided with a 1½ ton truck and a public address system mounted on a trailer, suitable for gatherings for 2000 persons. These will be used for recreation and religion.—Southeast Missourian.

Carl Wedeking's Father Succumbs

Fred George Wedeking, 74 years old, died Saturday morning of a heart ailment, while visiting in the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wedeking on Vernon Avenue. He had suffered from the ailment before coming with his wife to spend the holidays in the son's home.

Mr. Wedeking was born in Lincoln, Ill., and had lived in Marble Hill for 19 years. He was a stationary engineer.

Surviving besides the wife are a daughter. Mrs. A. L. Herman of Chicago; one son, Carl Wedeking of Sikeston; a step-son, Walter Helms of Chicago and a step-daughter, Mrs. Goldie Mensing of Miami, Fla. Jimmy Wedeking of Sikeston is a grandson. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Marble Hill.

Parolled Last Week In Jail This Week

Wayne Howlett, 17-year-old of Sikeston who plead guilty in Circuit Court to burglary before Judge Kelly, was given a term of 4 years in the Reform School at Algoa, then parolled to Rev. J. W. Hoffert, Nazarene pastor, was again arrested Monday forenoon and placed in jail for stealing three used batteries from the Tanner-Kilgore Standard Oil Station. Later in the day he was taken to the Benton jail to await the actions of the Judge McDowell when juvenile court convenes.

This boy was inplicated in breaking into the H & H Grocery, Sikeston Lumber Co., Skelly Oil Co., Kellett Garage and the Reiss Dairy.

Eleanor Would Draft Girls, Too

New Brunswick, N. J., December 28.—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt said tonight that "every young person, boy or girl, should give a year's service to the nation."

"I believe work camps are good for us all," she told delegates to the International Students Service Conference at New Jersey College for Women.

"There is something valuable in using one's hands and working with other people. * * * I know people are afraid of making a thing like that compulsory because it seems like something the Fascist countries have done. But remember, everything we do must go through Congress."

The President's wife added that "most people do not agree with me."

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. M. SIMPSON

Mrs. Minnie Simpson, a resident of Sikeston for 35 years, died at her home Sunday about noon of infirmities. She was born in Farmburgh, Ind., 73 years ago.

Surviving her are three daughters, Mrs. Pearl Sutton of Port Byron, Ind., Mrs. Melvin Killian and Mrs. Lonzo Hazel; two sons, Miles and Paul Simpson; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Hezz Ozment and Mrs. Jack Powers; and one stepson, Irvin Simpson, all of Sikeston and vicinity.

Funeral services were conducted from the residence Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock by the Rev. O. S. Harris. Interment was in City cemetery with Ellise Service.

COMPLIMENTARY TICKET
SIKESTON STANDARD
This Ticket Will Admit
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crandall
—to the—
MALONE THEATRE
Tuesday, Dec. 31 to see
"San Francisco Docks"

Census of Missouri 188 Years Ago Showed 23 Persons in State

Returns of a census of Missouri taken 188 years ago when this state had 20 white persons and three Negroes within its borders instead of the 3,775,737 people it boasted in 1940 has just been uncovered by the National Park Service in its researches for the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial on the St. Louis river front.

The census record, hitherto unpublished, was found among the Loudoun papers in the Vaudreuil Manuscripts at the Huntington Library in California. It was taken at Ste. Genevieve in 1752. Ste. Genevieve, the oldest French settlement west of the Mississippi, would seem to have been but a new town then.

The census, by reason of its character, casts doubt upon the conclusion of the late Houck that Ste. Genevieve was founded "at least as early as 1732," and that of Rev. J. H. Schlarman in his "From Quebec to New Orleans" and the history of Ste. Genevieve by Rev. Francis J. Yealy, S. J., which follows Father Schlarman in ascribing an even earlier date to the settlement.

EIGHT HOUSEHOLDS

At the time of the 1752 census eight householders are listed in Ste. Genevieve. They bear the names "La Rose, Antoine Obechon, Duboy et Truto, Ledoux, Antoin Eno, Jaques Chouquet, J. B. Beauvay and Bon, dit Simonfold," obviously as in Beauvay for Beauvais, in some instances incorrect. Broken down, the population consisted of seven men four women, three boys capable of bearing arms, four girls under 12 years of age, two laborers or apprentices (volontaires), two male Negro slaves and one Negro woman. Strangely enough, there are no widows.

These people collectively owned 16 oxen, 18 cows, 23 bulls, 12 jennies, 24 horses, four mares and 185 pigs. They had among them 14 guns, three measures of powder and seven measures of lead and balls.

And they cultivated 34 arpents of land, with a valuation by the census taker of 197 livres. Since the livre was worth 19.1 cents, the total value of the land was $36.627 in our money today, even to the 7 mills.

That, of course, doesn't precisely check with the theory of a settlement which had been developing for 20 or 30 years. It does accord precisely with the theory of a new settlement.

Houck, in his great History of Missouri, based his belief in the earlier settlement at Ste. Genevieve on the fact an old well stone in the ancient village of Ste. Genevieve located at the site of what are known as the "common fields" of the new or present town, had cut upon it the figures "1732", though whence it came, nor when, nor why has ever been unriddled. He believed the village must have been established before that date. Some sort of coroboration for that theory he found in Gov. Trudeau's report of 1798 that the village had existed "for more than 60 years," and more in the British Capt. Philip Pittman's travel comment of 1797 saying that the first settlers of Ste. Genevieve "removed about 28 years ago from Cascasquias" or Kankaskia.

EVIDENCE OF DATES

Father Schlarman, finding a letter from Cahokia to Quebec of 1732 reporting on a parish of St. Joachim, identified it as that of Ste. Genevieve which bears that name, and cites Rev. Philibert Watrin, S. J., writing in Paris in 1764 of his experiences with the Jesuits at Kaskaskia as saying that the Village of Ste. Genevieve had been established '15 years before" or in 1749. Father Yearly, who prefers the older date, thinks Father Watrin's memory may have tricked him, and feels that there was error, too, in two maps of 1755 (that of Billini from the Karpinski Collection at Newberry Library in Chicago, which Father Schlarman reproduces is one) which date the Village of Ste. Genevieve describing it as a, "French village founded three years ago."

That would bring the date of the founding back to 1752—the year of the census which reveals it as a little huddle of cottages with less than 30 acres of land in cultivation.

The earliest contemporary references Houck could find to a village of Ste. Genevieve were in 1752—the year of this census. Applications were made that year for land adjoining the big common field and Francois Rivard, who made one of them promise to set aside ground for a church if it was granted. Actually—despite the reference to a St. Joachim parish in 1732—there is no record of a St. Joachim parish at Ste. Genevieve earlier than 1759.

EARLY PARISH RECORDS

But the early records of the parish do contain the names of some of those listed in the census of seven years before they begin. They are those of Jean Baptiste de Guire, called La Rose, who is generally agreed by the authorities to have been the founder of the village; Antoine Aubuchon and his family; Jacques Choquet, Louis Truto and Jean Baptiste Beauvais. Duboy, Ledoux, Autoine Eno and Bon, called Simonfold, have disappeared so far as the church records are concerned.

Next to the small holdings, and value of the land the eight Ste. Genevieve families held, the most significant fact revealed in the census is that there were no widows. Such a condition would seemingly be impossible in a frontier town. There were not infrequent accidents on the river, in mines or in the forest. There were dangerous animals, and even more dangerous Indians about. Ste. Genevieve was particularly afflicted by the robberies of the Osages.

"I have been informed by the people of Ste. Genevieve, who suffered infinitely the most," wrote Henry Marie Brackenridge, who spent a year of boyhood there, "that they were on occasions left without a horse to turn the mill." Peorias, Delawares, Kickapoos, Chickasaws and Cherokees threatened the villagers who could not always find safe refuge in their houses, for these warriors, unlike the thieving Osages, sometimes killed. Certainly a frontier village from 20 to 30 years old, and almost any frontier village except one newly founded would have listed a widow among its people 188 years ago.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Parma Officer Shot to Death

Parma, Dec. 23.—Night Marshal W. T. Warmack, 43 years old, was shot and killed early Sunday morning on a street here and two other men, Deputy Marshall Ezra Allen. 27, and Jim Westfall, 67, a bystander, were wounded by gun fire.

Warmack died within five minutes after being shot. Allen and Westfall was taken to Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau, where it was said today their condition is not critical.

ACCUSED MAN GIVE UP

Shortly before noon today S. F. Boling, 46, a farmer who resides on the S. W. Barton plantation near Catron, surrendered to officers and was taken to the county jail at New Madrid for questioning in connection with the shooting. Boling is alleged to have fired the shots which fatally injured the officer and wounded the deputy and Westfall. Boling disappeared from the scene following the shooting.

He went to the plantation office shortly before noon and the owner, S. W. Barton, summonel Trooper John Tandy of the State Highway Patrol. Trooper Tandy went to the plantation and took Boling to the county jail. They were accompanied by Mr. Barton. Trooper Tandy said Boling made no statement about the shooting.

TOLD TO LEAVE TOWN

Officers investigating the shooting reported they learned that Warmack had warned Boling earlier in the evening and later the officer told him to leave town and go home.

The shooting occurred on a street in front of the Missouri Theater. Allen, who was a short distance away, ran to the scene where he heard the shots and grappled with Boling, sustaining his wounds during the melee. Westfall, a bystander, was reported hit by a stray bullet.

The officer died on the street before a physician could be summoned. It was reported he was shot several times in the abdomen. An investigation was made by Coroner L. A. Richards, Jr., of New Madrid County.

Miss Maggie Porter, woman day marshall at Parma, said Mrs. Boling told Sheriff A. F. Stanley of New Madrid County that her husband had fatally wounded a man about two years ago in Arkansas. The family came to the LaValle community about two years ago. There are six children in the family.

Miss Porter said it was reported Boling was drinking and had been asked by Warmack while in a tavern to leave town and go home.

Sports Corduroy

—Photo by College Bazaar

Lucky is the girl who celebrates a Cotton Christmas in this well tailored sports outfit, say college fashion authorities. Made for comfort as well as smartness, the cord uroy skirt is equipped with a big pocket for carrying handkerchief and lipstick.

Diamond Field Hunted by W. P. A.

Atlanta, Ga.—The W. P. A. is digging for treasure in Georgia. Not for the horde of some legendary pirate, but for an even more fabulous cache—an elusive diamond bed that geologists are certain lies somewhere among the foothills of the Great Smokies.

For more than 50 years gold miners have been turning up an occasional diamond, panned from the mountain streams of North Georgia. Somewhere in these rugged hills, acording to Garland Peyton, state geologist, lies the mother lode—a "chimney" of once molten rock where nature manufactured the carbon crystals that men value so highly.

Discovery of this "chimney" is only one of the purposes of the Georgia geological survey, now being conducted by the W. P. A. More than 200 men are working on the survey, which will catalogue the state's mineral resources—locate and estimate the extent of deposits of iron, manganese, bauxite, and tin known to exist in Georgia.

North Georgia's mining history is studdied with exciting tales of diamond discoveries. Most of them were accidential, coming as the finders were prospecting for gold.

Because it is difficult to recognize a diamond in the natural state Peyton estimates that hundreds of the precious stones have been tossed aside in the rubble by Georgia sour-doughs.

As long ago as 1878 M. F. Stephenson, state geologist, predicted that Georgia would some day rank with Africa as a diamond producing country. Stephenson wrote that gold miners picked up the biggest stones because they were pretty, and sometimes brought them home for the children to play with.

The miners frequently noted the hardness of the sparkling stones. Stephenson described the case of one miner who crushed a huge diamond to dust on an anvil. He had heard they were so hard that they could be driven into iron, and he wanted to find out for himself.

Plans for Donnell Inauguration Set

Jefferson City, Mo., December 23. —Tentative plans for the ceremonies inaugurating Forrest C. Donnell as Governor of Missouri on January 13 were announced today by Adjutant-General Lewis M. Means.

The arrangements, Means said, are "subject to approval by a joint committee of the State Senate and House of Representatives to be appointd after the General Assembly convenes on January 8."

In addition to that routine formality, however, this year's inauguration plans face the added hazard of a possible contest of Donnell's election.

STILL INVESTIGATING

The Democratic State Committee still is investigating the November 5 returns which gave Donnell, a Republican, a 3613-vote margin over the Democratic nominee, Lawrence E. McDaniel. No announcement has yet been made whether the result will be challenged in the Legislature—an event which might postpone the inaugural ceremonies indefinitely.

The plans drawn up by Means call for an opening parade from the Governor's mansion to the Capitol in the morning, with Gov. Stark and Governor-Elect Donnell riding together, escorted by University of Missouri R. O. T. C. units. Also in the line of parade will be officers of the National Guard, the Army, the reserve military forces and members of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled Veterans organization.

The inauguration will be in the Capitol rotunda at noon, with the State Senate and House in joint session. Donnell will take the oath of office on two Bibles—one his, the other his wife's both having been in their possession since childhood.

A salute fired from the north lawn of the Capitol by an artillery unit of the University of Missouri R. O. T. C. will signal the taking of the oath.

Then Gov. Donnell will deliver his inaugural address and message to the Legislature.

There will be a military reception at the mansion in the afternoon, followed by reception of the public by Gov. and Mrs. Donnell and other elective officials and their wives at the executive office at night.

The concluding event will be the inaugural ball in the Capitol rotunda.

Safetygrams

BY FRED W. BRAUN — The Safety Man

Do you believe in New Year's resolutions? Whether you do or not, you love life, and because of that you should resolve not only to keep that life, but also to protect the lives of others.

Therefore, why not make some very important New Year's resolutions for 1941 and live up to them? Here are a few suggestions:

1. I will be a safe driver by exercising care and by protecting the rights of others.
2. I will be a safe pedestrian.
3. I will not take foolish chances.
4. I will obey the rules of the road.

Of course, there are many more resolutions—important ones, too—that could be added to this list; but if everyone makes and keeps these four, our country will be a better and safer place in which to live.

Resolve now to do your part in 1941.

3 Die in Semo Car Crashes

Poplar Bluff, Dec. 26.—Three persons met death on highways in Southeast Missouri over the Christmas holiday according to reports to the Highway Patrol headquarters here.

Miss Mildred Stroup of Zalma, died while being taken to a Cape Girardeau hospital after being involved in an automobile accident Wednesday.

Paul Westerich, a pedestrian, was killed last night while walking along Highway 61 near Kelso.

An unidentified Negro while walking along Highway 60 near Wyatt Tuesday night.

The Standard $2 per year.

Shoots Wife and Her Escort

Kennett, Mo., Dec. 26.—Pokie Hollomon, 42 years old, operator of a pool hall and grocery at Pascola in Pemiscot County, is held under a charge of assault and intent to kill for shooting his wife, Pauline, and her escort, Gale Fields, both about 26, in a parked automobile at a tavern near here late Christmas eve.

The Sheriff's office here said Hollomon fired six .38-caliber shots pointblank at his wife and Fields, telling them as he fired "I've told you I'm going to kill you." Hollomon gave himself up immediately to Deputy Constable Stokes and was lodged in jail here. Four bullets struck Mrs. Hollomon, three entering her neck and one breaking her right arm. Fields was struck in the side and in the arm. At Presnell Hospital in Kennett their conditions today were reported to be as good as could be expected, but their recovery is still uncertain.

Hollomon, discovering his wife had left Pascola Christmas eve, hired Ballie Fields, Gale's brother, to take charge of the pool hall while he used Ballie's automobile to search for Pauline.

Gale Fields had been employed as cotton picker and had worked at gins at Pascola. No date has been set for Hollomon's preliminary hearing, pending the outcome of his victims' injuries.

14,766 COTTON BALES GINNED IN SCOTT

The Census report shows that 14,766 bales of cotton were ginned in Scott County from the crop of 1940 prior to December 13 as compared with 21,320 bales for the crop of 1939, according to T. E. Stallings special agent.

New passenger car sales during September, 1940, totaled 157,418 units, even though September is rated as the poorest selling month of the year.

Bot Treating To Start Soon

Treating of horses and mules for bots will get under way shortly after the first of January according to County Agent Teal, who has contacted veterinarians in the district and obtained assurance that costs would not exceed those of 1940.

Two plans will be put into operation this year says Mr. Teal: One involves concentration of horses and mules at one point so that there will be 10 or more there to be treated at one time. The other plan will involve going from farm to farm on a route previously outlined, and with the horse and mule owners signed up in advance to have them treated on the day to be visited by the veterinarian.

In this case a farmer from that community will go with the veterinary to each point where the treatment is wanted.

In discussing the preliminary steps leading up to bot treating, T. A. Ewing, Animal Husbandry Specialist, pointed out at the livestock men's meeting in mid-December that the nits or bot eggs attached to the hair on horses and mules legs and bodies should be destroyed at once by using any common coal tar dip in proper strength, or by using kerosene diluted so not to burn the skin. This should be done at least two weeks before treating so that eggs which have been swallowed by the horse will have had a chance to develop. The treating work then causes the developed grubs to be expelled.

A series of community or township meetings at which the life history of bots will be shown with lantern slides is being scheduled for early in January. Dates and places for the meeting will be announced soon.

Dirty license plates, faulty brakes, "one-eyed" automobiles, and glaring headlights are called the "four horsemen" of lawless driving.

May this New Year be twice as happy as any you have had before . . . and believe us, we really mean it!

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Real estate, personal and merchants' taxes for 1940 are due and payable.

After January lst lawful penalties and interest will be added and collected.

Save money by paying your taxes before the last day of the present year.

C. E. FELKER
Collector

WASH-DAY SOCIABILITY

Into the general washtub, built of stone in the community square, go your clothes to be washed with those of your neighbors—if you happen to be a resident of a Guatemala village. The picture, courtesy of The Great White Fleet, United Fruit Company, shows women at their sociable swishing in an age-old "tub" on the rim of Lake Atitlan. A household washer would be as amazing to these women as this Guatemalan makeshift is to American woman with their fastidious natures and their 15,000,000 washers, total which is steadily increasing as more and more homemakers adopt this modern cleanliness method.

Step On Tuberculosis Stop Its Ravages

The serious problem that faces tuberculosis associations in the country is brought to light as reports show that tuberculosis again caused almost twice as many deaths last year as did motor vehicle mishaps, says D. E. Pratt, executive secretary of the Missouri Tuberculosis Association.

"News services reported last week that 61,609 persons in the United States died from the disease, while automobile accidents took 32,386 lives," he said.

"This is particularly important in view of the fact that the active campaign for funds to support anti-tuberculosis work closed Christmas Day. The returns to date from the sale of tuberculosis Christmas Seals by county associations in the state show that they are far from their needed goals to continue their campaigns of prevention during 1941.

"While individuals contributing have been generous, large numbers to whom Seals were mailed have not yet responded. It is supposed that holiday activities caused many to forget to mail their donations.

"Tuberculosis is far from being licked, though on the run. The only hope for a control program is an adequate fund from the Christmas Seal Sale. It is not too late to 'Help Yourself to Happiness by Helping Others to Health'. On behalf of all county tuberculosis associations in the state we are asking that people give whatever they can at this time to protect homes from tuberculosis."

Fragments of New Testament Found

Baltimore, Md., December 29.—A New York University archaeologist has announced discovery in Southern Palestine of some of the most extensive fragments of New Testament manuscript yet to come to light.

The announcement was made by Dr. Lionel Casson in a paper read at the closing session of the twenty-second annual meeting of the American Philological Association yesterday.

Dr. Casson said three fragments of manuscript were unearthed in the ruins of a church and monastery at Auja-Ei-Hafir, last village on the ancient pilgrimage route to Mount Sinai.

The fragments were unearthed by the Colt archaeological expedition in 1936, but were not indentified until this summer. H. Dunscombe Colt of New York was field director of the expedition.

The fragments are in Greek on papyrus. One consists of 30 consecutive pages of the Gospel according to St. John, another is from the same Scripture and the third contains scattered bits of the epistles of St. Paul.

Their date was placed as "apparently the late seventh century A. D."

Biblical scholars at the convention attached considerable importance to the fragments as possibly shedding more light on early Bible manuscripts.

Increase in Farm Benefits Proposed

Washington, December 28.—Demands for continuance of the existing farm program came from Senators in both parties today, and Senator Bankhead (Dem.), Alabama, said he wanted present benefits increased.

Bankhead, who has drafted much farm legislation in recent years, told reporters that further curtailment of crops probably would be necessary to avoid increasing surpluses. He said it therefore would be essential to raise present farm benefits.

The existing appropriation of $212,000,000 for parity payments, he declared, provides only about two-thirds of parity prices for various crops. Parity prices are based on the average for the prewar period, 1909-14.

LAST RITES FOR VANDUSER MAN

While attending a Christmas tournament in the Vanduser high school gymnasium Saturday night, George Washington Layton died suddenly of apoplexy. He was 75 years old.

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Monday morning from the Penticostal Church in Vanduser with interment in Morley Cemetery with Albritton service.

Survivors are the widow, Lena Layton, a daughter, Mrs. L. A. Pickard of Kennett, a son, Albert Layton of Vanduser, and four grandchildren, J. L. and L. A. Pickard Jr., of Kennett and A. J. and A. G. Layton Jr., of Vanduser.

Mr. Layton was a member of the Masonic Order.

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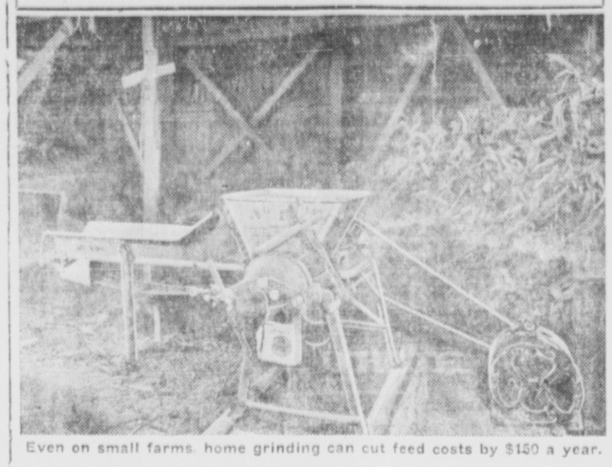
Many Farmers Find It Pays to Grind Their Feed Electrically



Even on small farms, home grinding can cut feed costs by $150 a year.

By IRA MILLER

Competent authorities estimate that the feed bill makes up 50 to 90 per cent of the total cost of livestock production. Therefore, the difference between profit and loss—between a successful and an unsuccessful year—for many farmers depends to a large extent on the economies or lack thereof they practice in the feeding of their poultry, cattle, hogs or sheep.

Extended tests in all parts of the country and under widely varying conditions have proved that it pays to grind many grains and roughages for most livestock. Among the advantages are: Reduces feed waste; encourages full feeding; aids digestion; maintains milk and meat production; makes it easier to mix feed; allows the use of less palatable feeds; and permits the feeding of roughage in self-feeders.

Although custom grinding by commercial mills still is an important industry, more and more farmers—especially with the ever-increasing availability of electricity—are grinding all their feed at home excepting, perhaps, a relatively small quantity containing ingredients they do not raise themselves.

Electrically grinding grain at home results in a cash saving of from $1.25 to $2.25 per ton, as the average custom grinder charges from 10 to 15 cents per 100 pounds whereas the cost of home grinding (even with electricity at 5 cents per kw.-hr., and allowing for depreciation, interest and repairs) is only about 4 cents per 100 pounds.

In addition to this tangible saving, there also is that of bagging the grain; loading it on a truck; journeying to the mill; unloading at the mill; waiting until the grain is ground; loading and making the return trip; and unloading and storing the grain at the farm. The cost of these several items is difficult to compute but, regardless of how little value the farmer places on his time, it constitutes an appreciable amount.

Grinding grain at home assures a fresh and constant supply at all times, and eliminates the inconvenience of leaving the farm when the weather is bad or during busy seasons. Another advantage is that inferior feeds, not worth the trouble and expense of custom grinding, can be profitably ground.

There is a size and type of grinder to meet the feed and price requirements of every farm, be it small or large. Electrical power is by far the cheapest and most convenient for home grinding, particularly if the motor is portable and can be used for other farm chores. Ask the extension division of your state college or university, or the various manufacturers, for advice and help on your feed grinding problems.

Occupied France Again Gets Soap Promise

Vichy, France—Occupied France which has been almost without soap since September, may obtain some soap next month, the government promised today.

It was said soap rationing would be started Jan. 1. However, soap was promised also in November and December.

Household stocks of soap have long been exhausted.

Among popular substitutes for soap is fine sand.

BLUE JAY VALETS

Blue jay "valets" are doing a nice job of keeping the deer of the Santa Barbara Mountains contented, according to foresters of the Los Pedros National Forest, California . . . as the animals emerge from the mountain brush each morning and evening to drink and browse, the jays fly from the liveoaks and sycamores and go briskly to work removing the ticks which infest the deer . . . campers and others who have seen the birds at work are of the opinion that each bird has a particular deer under its care, for the practice seems to be invariably one bird to a deer.

Farmers near Sunnyside, Mo., in Ralls county, have joined with Sheriff George Biggs in a lion hunt. Two full grown mountain lions and two cubs are reported to have been seen in the neighborhood. A number of horses and cows have been killed by some sort of animal, residents reported to Conservation Agent Walter Hafner, and tracks have been found which could be those of a mountain lion.

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

This is the most important column of the year.

A few months ago I wrote about the number of requests we have received for pictures of the various points of interest visited on our "SEE AMERICA FIRST" tour to date. At that time I stated that these requests were being answered personally, but that sometime in the future it was our desire to republish all the past stories in book form, together with ten pictures showing outstanding scenes of each story.

That time has now arrived. The material has been assembled and copies of "Your Trip and Mine" are now ready for distribution.

There will be four editions of this book; one published yearly throughout the four years necessary to complete this tour. Each, in addition to the 52 stories and 530 pictures, will contain 4 pages for notes and pictures of your own week end trip or vacation.

As this tour will cover our 88 national parks, state parks of mention, outstanding points of a scenic and historical nature, and current events of national prominence, we believe the four publications of this book will comprise the most complete travel data of the North American Continent that has ever been compiled.

Here are a few of the things you will see in the first edition—Pictures of Death Valley Scotty's six-million-dollar castle, built in a remote section of the desert and believed to hide Scotty's famous gold mine.—Views of ghost city Rhyolite, Nevada; a former city of 12,000 now inhabited by eight people. This is the town with the five-room house built completely of beer bottles.—Scenes of the Winchester Mystery Home, near San Jose, California. World's largest residence, cost five million dollars, 38 years under construction.—Tombstone, Arizona, with its famous Boot Hill Cemetery; Grand Canyon; Boulder Dam; Zion National Park; Bryce Canyon; Buffalo Bill's grave on Lookout Mountain, Colorado; scenes of both world's fairs, and thirty-nine other stories with 390 pictures to illustrate them.

Naturally, such a book is costing a considerable amount of money to publish. However, through the co-operation of your newspaper, readers of this column may secure a copy at a fraction of its retail price.

Clip one "Trailer Vagabond" story (this one is OK) from your newspaper and mail with 25 cents in coin to Continental News Service, 815 So. Hill Street, Los Angeles, California. Be sure and give your name and address together with the name of your newspaper. You will receive your copy immediately.

If you don't agree that the book is worth at least four times your cost, return your copy and your 25 cents will be cheerfully refunded.

Trailer Vagabond is furnished The Twice-A-Week Sikeston Standard through the courtesy of Kirk-McCoy Hardware Co.

Kiwanis Club Activities

The Kiwanis Club held its regular dinner meeting Friday evening at the Palace Cafe. Miss Ruth Hollingsworth entertained the group with reading, which everyone enjoyed very much. E. L. Corbin, a new resident of Sikeston was an invited guest at the meeting.

The next meeting will be held January 3 at the Palace Cafe.

Top mincemeat pies with tree-shaped pastries. Cut the "trees" out of rolled-out pastry, bake on cookie sheets in hot oven until lightly browned, then place on the baked pies. Spread each tree with cheese spread for an added touch.

A cotton canvas tent makes an ideal Cotton Christmas gift for the outdoor-minded son of the family. Dad may want to borrow the tent when he goes on his next week end hunting or fishing trip.

Start this year right. If you have not tried the Powder Puff Beauty Shoppe do so soon. You will be surprised to find how nice we do our work and at such reasonable price. We are appreciative of the business given us during the past year.

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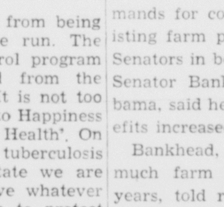

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We desire to think everyone who has patronized us during the past year and to ask for a continuance of you business during 1941.

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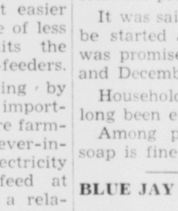


WE THANK YOU

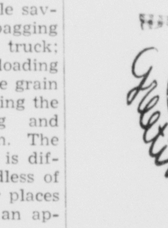
To our Farmer Patrons and all other friends, we extend our grateful thanks for their patronage and friendship during the past year.

It was a good year. We had a nice business. But most of all, we are thankful for the fact that we are able to serve the Farmers of this good district and to know that they keep coming to us to supply their farm machinery needs.

The satisfaction of our customers is our pleasure.

We hope that during the coming year a full measure of Happiness and Prosperity may be the lot of all who read these lines.

Sikeston Tractor and Implement Company
Ernest Hedden, Manager



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We Wish A Very Happy New Year to Everyone

It has been our good fortune to associate and to do business with the finest folks in this or any other community, and the spirit of the season brings renewed appreciation of old associations and the value of new friends.

At this time, we wish to tell how much we appreciate the courtesy you have shown us in the past, and we sincerely appreciate your friendship and good will and we hope the pleasant relationship that has prevailed, will always continue.

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1926 Ford T. Tudor	$15
Ford Model A Roadster	$25
1933 Chevrolet Coupe	$75
1934 Ford Sedan	$145
1935 Chevrolet Coach	$175
1935 Ford Coupe	$175
1935 Ford Tudor	$175
1935 Plymouth Sedan	$175
1936 Ford Tudor Touring	$195
1937 Ford Tudor Touring	$295
1939 Ford DeLuxe Tudor	$495
1939 Mercury Sedan	$595
1940 Ford Coupe	$575
1940 Mercury Sedan	$735
PICKUPS	
1936 International Pickup	$95
1935 Ford Pickup	$175
1936 Chevrolet Pickup	$165
1937 Ford Stake Pickup	$275
1939 Ford Pickup	$395
1939 Plymouth Pickup	$395
TRUCKS	
1933 Chevrolet Truck	$50
1935 Chevrolet Truck	$95
1936 Chevrolet Truck	$135
1937 Dodge 157" Truck	$295
1939 Ford 134" Truck	$395
1940 Ford C. O. E. 7:50 fronts 8:25 rear duals.	
TRACTOR and TRACTOR	
Oliver Tractor	$225
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MOREHOUSE NEWS

Jack Burks of Fort Knox, Ky., spent the Christmas holidays here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jake Camboon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilkins and small son, Jimmie Wayne, were guests of Mrs. Wilkins' mother, Mrs. Ethyl Holder, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Mitchell of St. Louis spent the past week visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Cain.

J. L. Cox, who is attending the Southeast Missouri Teachers College at Cape Girardeau spent the past week here, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Cox.

Howard Hight, who is in C. C. C. camp in Iowa, spent the Christmas holidays here, with his mother, Mrs. Joe Hight.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Wilkins and baby daughter of New Madrid spent Christmas day here, with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Sullivan and Miss Norma Cook of Sikeston spent Wednesday here with Mrs. Sullivan's and Miss Cooke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cooke and family.

Fonnie Blaylock of Cleveland, Ohio visited his mother, Mrs. Anna Blaylock, the past week.

Jim Wall, who is employed in Blytheville, Ark., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wall.

Miss Lilly Heyde, an instructor in high school here, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Heyde of Jackson.

Miss Flora Hart is visiting her mother in Memphis, Tenn.

Norman Crumpecker, who is employed in Blytheville, Ark., is spending a few days here, with his father, Wm. Crumpecker.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wallace and daughter, Hazel Lou of Sikeston spent Christmas day here with Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rhines.

Mrs. Hazel Triggs of Effingham, Ill., is spending this week with her mother, Mrs. Joe Hight.

Floyd Kane was a Sikeston business visitor Saturday.

Robert Thornburgh of Tiptonville, Tenn., spent the past week here with his wife and small daughter.

Believes Strict Law Enforcement Will Lower Traffic Toll

In the opinion of V. F. Crowe and sons, head of Highway Pontiac Sales, Pontiac dealership, strict law enforcement is the answer to traffic's toll.

"Highway casualty statistics indicate the principal cause and the obvious cure for the appalling automobile death toll in the United States," said Mr. Crowe. "Details furnished by the National Safety Council disclose the major cause of fatal accidents is reckless or incompetent driving, and that more than two-thirds of all fatal accidents involving pedestrians are due to violations of the traffic laws. There are laws enough on the statute books, but they are not strictly observed or enforced."

Only 8 per cent of the fatal traffic accidents in 1939 were caused by defective vehicles, the Pontiac dealer reported when interviewed yesterday. Only 4 per cent were attributable to highway or road surface factors. Thus, the overwhelming proportion of automobile accidents and deaths due to law violation should shock and astound all thoughtful people, according to Mr. Crowe.

"It is incomprehensible that the American people are utterly indifferent to their own lives and property and completely callous to more than 30,000 unnecessary deaths every year," Mr. Crowe declared. "Few American homes have been spared the loss of relatives or friends as the result of traffic accidents."

"The American motorist is not purposely or intentionally a potential murderer, and the American pedestrian is not purposely or intentionally bent on suicide," Mr. Crowe explained. "But both motorist and pedestrian easily form foolish and dangerous habits. When these are not restrained or punished, they quickly become the usual and general practice."

Violations of traffic laws are the most easily detected and the most easily punished of all illegal acts, the Highway Pontiac Sales boss believes. If apprehension could be made certain and punishment inevitable and in proporation to the offense, the highways and streets would be almost completely free of deliberate traffic law violations in an incredibly short time, he contends.

"Beyond any question, most of the more than 30,000 American lives doomed to be lost in highway accidents this year could be saved by honest enforcement and strict observance of the existing laws," Mr. Crowe observed.

LORD NELSON'S GRANDSON LIVES QUIETLY IN MAINE

Dennysville, Me.—In this quiet town 3,000 miles from Europe an 80-year-old man eagerly watches for news of the war.

His concern is deeper than most Americans'. He is Horatio Nelson Lund, grandson of England's Lord Nelson.

Lund has great faith in Britain's ultimate victory. He sees success because of the sea power which his ancestor built to greatness.

Father of 24 children, Lund operates a sheep ranch near the Atlantic Ocean. Lund says the blood of his grandfather must run very strongly in his veins because all his life he has lived near the sea.

BELL CITY MAN DIES

Arthur Garfield Kirtley died Wednesday, Dec. 25 at Bell City, Mo., where he had lived for the past four years. He was born Oct. 3, 1882 at Center Ridge, Ark., where services were held Friday afternoon, Dec. 27, at 1:30, followed by interment in the Grandview Cemetery at Grandview, Ark.

Surviving are the widow, Pearl Kirtley of Bell City; two sons, Willie, of Brassfield, Ark., and Truman, of River, Mo.; and two daughters, Mrs. Reba Hutchins, Hunter, Ark., and Mrs. Elsie Hooks of Bell City. Fourteen grandchildren also survive.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Sermon subject for Sunday morning will be "One More Year".

Sermon subject for Sunday evening will be "We Have Not Passed This Way Before".

Sunday School at 9:30.

N. Y. P. S. at 6:30.

A Watch Night Sunday School Zone Rally will be held at Caruthersville on New Years Eve. Churches participating are Cape Girardeau, Charleston, Bell City, Morehouse, Matthews, Wardell, Caruthersville and Sikeston.

J. W. Hoffert, pastor.

WONDER IF THE GRAVEL DIGGERS WERE "UP" ON THEIR HISTORY

'Tisn't the Spanish Main alone but the Mississippi River which has its reported hidden treasure and pretty soon Dillman Industries boats may be digging sand and gravel mighty near where that treasure is supposed to be located.

The local concern has asked the U. S. Engineers at Memphis for permission to remove sand and gravel from three islands in the river a short distance below Cairo.

The hidden treasure connection dates back to the fag end of the Civil war. At that time a boat, carrying $3,000,000 of government funds, caught fire and burned at the foot of one of the islands from which Dillman's wish to dig sand and gravel, according to more or less legendary history.

And, so far as is known, the iron chest with its treasure of three million "iron men" has never been found.

All of which suggests the Big Muddy might possibly—just possibly—give up a few shekels. At any rate, we'll wager any indication of a heavy, metalic object in the sand will light up the faces of the gravel diggers.—Caruthersville.

CELEBRATES 48TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

A surprise party was given William L. Hutchason Friday night at the Coca-Cola plant in honor of his 48th birth anniversary. A birthday cake holding candles was a feature of the refreshments, especially as there were seven more candles than anniversaries. The party was arranged by Mrs. Hutchason and Milburn Arbaugh. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Yarbrough, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pope of Cairo, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Doff Bonifield, Charleston, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Doc Napper, Springfield, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mackley and daughter, Madeline of Blodgett; Mrs. Majel Henderson of Flint, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. M. Arbaugh, Miss Sylvia Arbaugh, Taylor Miles, Miss Marshall, Miss Rosemary Putnam, Miss Bettye Ruth Limbaugh, Loomis Mayfield Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Bob Darter, Rex Wyatt, Marvin Markert, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wyatt Jr., Jim Wyatt, Mrs. M. E. Wyatt, Adamae and Leslie Hutchason.

HEUISER FAMILY CELEBRATE XMAS

For the first time in fourteen years all members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Heuiser Sr., spent Christmas day together. The celebration was held at the family residence west of Sikeston and included a dinner at noon and exchange of gifts in the afternoon. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Heuiser, their children, Wilma, Arnold B., Carl D., and Waymouth Ann; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Heuiser and daughter, Ruth; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Heuiser Jr., and children, Violet and Charles; Mr. and Mrs. John Hodges and children, Margaret, Gerald, Marine, Warren and Carol Fay; Mr. and Mrs. Wes Schuchart and children, Donald and Barbara Ann; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pratt and the former's father; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Alcorn and children, Jimmie and Patsy; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fletcher and daughter, Beverly Bell of Westville, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heuiser and son, Arlyn of Edwardsville, Ill.; Miss Betty Jo Crowell and Miss Edwine Shelby of Morehouse. Evening guests included Miss Ann Johnson of near Sikeston, George Alsup of East Prairie and Willard Heil of Mt. Carmel, Ill.

★ FASHION PREVIEW ★

A white Crown Tested rayon dress, with a swirling silver jacket like the radiator of the Lincoln Zephyr Sports Sedan, designed by E. T. Gregorie, head of the Ford Motor Company's Designing Department. The dress and white plastic bag feature the Lincoln Zephyr V motif.

"I want some arsenic for my mother-in-law."

"Have you a doctor's prescription?"

"No—but here's a photograph of her."—Montreal Star.

SCREEN GUARD PROTECTS GUTTERS

A common maintenance cost which claims a place on almost every home owner's budget at this time of year is that of cleaning out downspouts and gutters which have become clogged with leaves and debris.

A wire screen of either galvanized steel or copper can be fitted over the top of the gutter to keep out leaves or trash without interfering in any way with the flow of water. A specially designed screen of reinforced quarter-inch wire mesh which can be snapped into place is now available. This device, which eliminates the use of nails, screws, and rivets, may be installed under the Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration.

BUNDLES FOR BRITAIN GIVES BICYCLE

Christmas Eve afternoon the local chapter of Bundles for Britain gave away the bicycle that was displayed in the window of the Sikeston Production Association on Center Street. The award was made in Railroad Park, to Joe Crouthers of Route 2, Sikeston. Before the bicycle was given away Professor Gaines and his school band from the Sunset Addition, entertained the crowd with several musical numbers.

Pete—Did you say Helen was dumb?

Tubby—Dumb? Why, man, she thinks the organ grinder works for the money because the monkey collects the money.—Los Angeles Times.

Rich plum pudding, circled with flaming brandy, is an impressive Christmas dessert when brought into a darkened dining room. The pudding is placed on a deep round platter and the brandy is allowed to turn until just a small amount remains.

May the coming New Year
Be the happiest you've known.
We could wish nothing better
Than a Farm of YOUR OWN.

S. B. HARDWICK
Farm Merchant
Sikeston, Missouri

THE BELLS TOLL
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Ring out the bells that proclaim a New Year! Ring out, for peace, contentment, achievement. We join you in greeting 1941 with every wish for all that's good.

ATLAS LIFE SOCIETY
Welsh Funeral Home

New Year Greetings

May the cheer of the year . . . May the best of the good.
May contentment and joy come your way

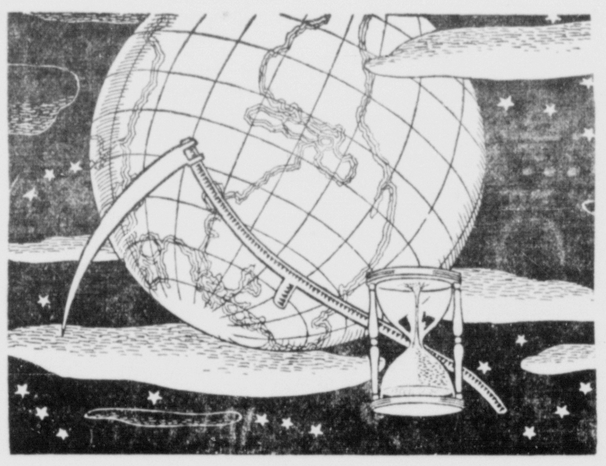
1941

We desire to express our appreciation of the large amount of Sinclair Gas, Oils and Greases bought by auto owners in this section during 1940, and will appreciate a continuance of this patronage.

R. T. SIMPSON
Agent Sinclair Refining Company

From
Kermit Wood
Station
South "Y"

OF MANY THINGS ● AND TIME



It is only natural that we should come to feel that all that's new is brighter. The poet, singing of time, wails the fleeting moment; the artist, painting beauty, takes youth all through life we are reminded of the glow, the hope, the ambition that is traditionally the heritage of youth. And all admire it.

But a passing year reminds us of the priceless quality of age. A tree, century-old roots wrapped deep in the earth that nurtures it; a strong old house, its very walls imbued with the dignity that only age can bring; the earth itself, the universe . . . each a tribute to a different quality of age. Yet each adds to the wealth of age some of the gifts of youth; a new hope for the universe, a shoot of bright new green for an ageing tree, the laughter of children in ancient house. And, combined, they cannot but come close to perfection.

Such must be the development of a sound bank, a constant merging of what is traditionally sound with the foresight and progress that is new. Such, for fifty-four years, has been the history of the Bank of Sikeston.

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BANK OF SIKESTON
Established 1887

NEW YEARS EVE DANCE TUESDAY DECEMBER 31ST THE CELLAR. RUSSELL HOTEL CHARLESTON

Music by BEN BRADLEY and His ORCHESTRA, 10 MEN AND A MAID

ADMISSION $1.00 PER PERSON—DANCING 9:30—FREE NOVELTIES.

ORAN NEWS

Mrs. Otis Bryeans shopped in Sikeston Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Bernard and Mrs. Chas. Carter were Sikeston visitors Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Willene McCray who is attending business college in Memphis came home Thursday for the holidays. She was accompanied by the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Davenport of Osceola, Ark.

Millard Henry is the name chosen for the 9½ pound baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brinker Wednesday night, December 18th.

Clyde Mason had business in Chaffee Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Driskill went to St. Louis Monday to spend the holidays at the Meinbery and Finley homes.

Mrs. Catherine Hancock came Sunday from St. Louis to spend Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jas. De Priest.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brooks and Clarence Carr of Festus came Sunday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Francis spent a couple of days this week with relatives in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Marshall of St. Louis are expected Saturday to spend the week end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Powell Marshall.

The grade school pupils gave an interesting program Friday afternoon in the high school auditorium.

Mrs. Della Poe was on the sick list Sunday.

Lawrence Bernard who has been stationed at an army post in Kansas has been transferred to Jefferson Barracks to train 200 enlisted men. He spent Sunday of last week with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Crofton of Wentzvele came in Saturday to spend Christmas with home folks.

Mrs. Reberry of Mountain Grove is here visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Benson.

C. C. Myers was acting marshall Sunday substituting for Marshall Claude Wood who with his family spent Sunday in Portageville with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kelly and Andy Metz were business visitors in Cape Girardeau last week. Mr. Metz who was a hospital patient a number of weeks, still reports to his physicians.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stehr and Mrs. Irene Miller had business in Cape Girardeau last week.

Miss Dorothy Sturgeon left Friday night for Miami, Fla., to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Stehr expect to move shortly from their farm west of town to their home in town.

Several of the houses in town are beautifully decorated. Among those especially pretty are the homes of Postmaster and Mrs. Bryeans and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Womack.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Finley and daughter, Parnelia Sue, came down Sunday night from St. Louis to accompany Mrs. Finley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Driskill to the city for a several weeks' visit.

Murray Myers came in Sunday from Washington, D. C., to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Myers.

Frank Neal came in from Iowa Sunday night to spend Christmas with his family.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR KINDERGARTENERS

Mrs. Alfulte's entertained her kindergarten pupils on Tuesday of last week with a trip to Cape Girardeau to interview Santa and talk over the radio. The little people who went were Carole Jeanne Womack, Lila Vogel, Patsy Shively, Eileen Mattingly, Shirley Ates, Shirley Halford, David Marshall and Jimmy De Priest. T. Le Roy Heisserer, Gene Brockett, Kent Henson, Joan Stuckey and Theresia Guymon who are first grade school pupils accompanied them. Mrs. Benson, Mrs. Shively, C. L. Halford and Mrs. Alfultes furnished transportation for the little people who had a glorious visit with Santa.

Friday afternoon Mrs. Alfultes entertained the nine kindergartener's with games and at 5:30 served a delicious lunch of potato chips and olives, cookies, soda and candy. The little people had a delightful time and after refreshments exchanged gifts, before going to their homes. Mrs. Alfultes is very successful in her work with the children, having taught for several years before her marriage.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT AT METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday night the Methodist Sunday School gave their annual Christmas program, consisting of the story of the Wise Men and the coming of Christ. Miss Betty Barnes was reader and the white robed choir sang the beloved Christmas hymns. At the close of the program the children were given a treat of candy and oranges. A good sized crowd was present and enjoyed the candle light service.

MORLEY NEWS

MORLEY STUDY CLUB MEETS

The Junior and Senior Study Clubs met Friday night at the home of Mrs. Beulah Emerson. Mrs. Lutie Leslie and Misses Billie Looney and Beatrice McMullin were assistant hostesses.

Mrs. Alford Byrant was leader of the program. Those assisting her were Mrs. Gladys Cummins, Mrs. F. L. Sisson, Mrs. Ella Stallings and Miss Emma Beardslee.

Christmas gifts were exchanged after the program.

Mrs. Zona Stephnson, who is employed at Ironton is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Irvin.

Miss Margaret Thatcher is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. James Managan at St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Watson of East Prairie visited Mrs. Josephine Watson Sunday.

Hal Phillips and Miss Esther Campbell of St. Louis are visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Campbell.

Mrs. G. D. M. Gupton is ill at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hue May of East Prairie visited Mrs. Lizzie May the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry and children of Chaffee visited Mr. and Mrs. George Shores Saturday.

The Baptist Missionary Society met last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Alford Byrant.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Halley and Mr. and Mrs. Ben July of St. Louis were called here Monday by the death of Dudley May.

Miss June Commins who has spent the past few months with Mr. and Mrs. Rex Boyce at Hollywood, Calif., returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Butler of Sikeston visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Irvin Sunday.

Miss Frances Hufford of St. Louis is visiting Miss Camille Emerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunny McFerron and daughter of Sikeston visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beardslee Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cummins of Sikeston visited Mrs. Cynthia Cummins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Williard Sullivan and children of Cape Girardeau visited Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lee Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Sisson and son are visiting at Bowling Green.

Mrs. Alden Pinney of Benton was a visitor here Sunday.

Mrs. W. M. Foster and children were in Cape Girardeau Monday.

Miss Mary Ellen Miles of Farmington is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Miles.

The Morley Girl's Basketball Team defeated the Blodgett girls' team Friday night 16 to 25. The Blodgett boys' defeated the Morley boys' 16 to 22.

Will Make Refunds To Members

The New Madrid County Farm Bureau Executive Committee voted to make a ten per cent refund or patronage dividend to Farm Bureau members after November 1, 1941, on purchases of hog cholera serum and other supplies of a similar nature at its meeting last week.

The refund period will extend from November 1, 1940, for twelve months, but refunds will not be issued until at the end of the period.

The committee also voted to hold the annual meeting on the afternoon of January 16, at which time a new constitution and by-laws will be adopted, and officers elected for 1941.

Membership solicitors are to be invited in for a session on the night of January 3, to make final reports and be given special consideration for meritorious service. A total of 420 members were reported to the Executive Committee, taking into account 380 on the roll, and 40 secured in New Madrid township, but not yet turned in by Wm. Dawson, Jr. Members of the committee feel that the goal of 500 members, will be reached by January 3.

The Executive Committee meeting was presided over by Mrs. H. G. Cathey, vice-president, with C. O. Hawkins in the secretary's chair, and V. E. Hammock, Wm. Dawson, Jr. Mr. H. G. Cathey, Mrs. C. O. Hawkins and County Agent Paul H. Teal also present. President Arline Avery and J. W. Daugherty were represented by Proxies.

FOR INSPIRATION—THIS

Perhaps you've heard of the mother who objected to her strip-dancer daughter doing jobs at smokers for fear she'd get the tobacco habit.

"I'd be willing to bet that your life has been full of mistakes," said the bachelor to the old maid.

"Well, you'd lose, darn it!"

Son: "Our geography teacher asked us today what made the world go around."

Father: "And what did you answer?"

Son: "I told her that I couldn't name quite all the brands but that you had a whole cabinet full of the stuff at home."

Said an excited citizen to a candidate: "I wouldn't vote for you if you were the Angel Gabriel."

To which the politician replied: "If I were the Angel Gabriel, you wouldn't even be in my precinct."
—Jackson Cash-Book.

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Donnell Faces Fight for Seat As Governor

Kansas City, Dec. 21.—A definite decision has been reached by Democratic state leaders to ask that the State Legislature refuse to seat Forrest C. Donnell as governor and that it conduct a sweeping investigation of the gubernatorial vote.

That was the word reaching Kansas City last night from a high source in the Democratic state committee. Itf ollowed a conference in Jefferson City Friday afternoon called by Marion Hulen, Democratic state chairman, to discuss evidence of election irregularities accumulated by the committee.

It was learned reliably that the committee was fully determined, after weeks of investigation, to demand that the ballot boxes be opened and a full investigation made of the gubernatorial vote.

DECISION LEAKS OUT

Those attending the conference were understood to have been pledged to secrecy as to final plans for contesting the seating of the Republican candidate for governor, who on the face of the official count won by 3,613 votes over Lawrence McDaniel, the Democratic candidate. But the decision leaked out.

Official announcement of the plan will be withheld until immediately before the new Legislature convenes Jan. 13. It will be made through the state committee.

Attending the conference Friday were James P. Aylward, Democratic national committee-man; Dwight Brown, secretary of state; Forrest Smith, state auditor; Wilson Bell, state treasurer-elect; Robert Winn, present treasurer; Frank G. Harris, lieutenant-governor, and Chairman Hulen.

It was understood that a mass of evidence of irregularities rounded up by investigators working up by investigators working for the state committee was discussed at the conference. Some of the state officers, who heretofore were said to have advised caution in starting a contest of Donnell's election, were said to have concurred in the decision that the Legislature be asked to make a state-wide investigation.

Ie was agreed that in the event this happens, Gov. Lloyd C. Stark would hold over as governor under a state statute which provides the state officers remain in office until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

The Legislature has authority by a majority vote to conduct an investigation when it is in doubt as to the outcome of an election. It is understood the Democratic state committee has made quiet contacts with members of the Legislature to make certain that a request for an invstigation would be favorably considered in light of the doubts raised over the vote for governor.

A source close to the state committee said that it was anticipated an investigation by the Legislature could not be completed under three or four months.

The effect would be to delay at least for that length of time the seating of a new governor and consequently a Republican blitzkrieg for state jobs.

LAMPREY IN MICHIGAN

According to reports from a CCC camp in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, the sea lamprey has been discovered in the Great Lakes. This is the first find of sea lampreys in the Upper Peninsula. Presumably they reached their destination via the Welland Canal.

A free-swimming, mud dweller when young, the lamprey becomes parasitic at maturity and, fastening itself with its strong sucking mouth to larger fish, it feeds on the blood of its victims. A primitive among fishes, the lamprey has no bones.—From the National Wildlife Federation.

New Year Greetings

In extending sincere wishes for a Happy, Prosperous

NEW YEAR

I also wish to express my gratitude to Customers and Friends who made possible a successful 1940

C. Clarence Scott
Whatever Insurance you Need, I Have It.

LAIR STORE NEWS

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Sikeston, Missouri

HOUSE FURNISHINGS

Our 43rd Year in Southeast Missouri

The Morning After

Down come Christmas bells—stars—holly—tinsel and rope.

The phoney Santa Claus that has been pointing at gifts in the window for weeks is in retirement with only a slim chance of resurrection.

Salesmen have regained composure and are going about with dust rags and mops—one the "way back to normalcy".

Our charming Cashiers are busy counting the money they took in—Christmas Eve—but today's receipts could be put in the corner of one's eye.

Tom and Hess, deliverymen have recovered from the brainstorm of last week and are now ready for more orders from any old place in Southeast Missouri.

Windows are being dressed with different groups that would add to any home—but the crowds to buy them—where are they? Only an echo answers.

'Tis the way of America to go about things, in which all are interested, like a cyclone and then when the peak is past—subside to a zephyr. But "everybody does it"—so why worry?

We shall miss the smiling crowds and unusual activity for only two or three days after which a routine, perhaps more ambitious than ever before—will be taken up and pursued with diligence.

One outstanding feature of the annual Christmas experience we should like to see live for all time to come—and that is the unselfish—good neighbor attitude of all—rich and poor alike.

Thank You Southeast Missouri for one of the best volumes of fall trade we have had in 42 years of our business life.

Quite naturally—we wish for you and yours all possible success and true happiness during 1941.

And—our only request is that you give us a fair chance on your furniture needs for the same period.

You can easily find a reason for doing that by reading our ads in news papers and listening over KFVS from time to time.

Given that chance we shall have no one to blame but ourselves if orders do not come.

In the meantime—GOODBYE '40—HELLO '41 and Good Luck to all.

May this be the start of a New Year overflowing with all kinds of joys and pleasant surprises for you.

BACH STUDIO

Happy New Year for 1941

MAY 1941 BRING

New Happiness to you and to those you love. May it be a happiness above material things, a joyous strengthening of old ties and associations, and a happy gain in the number of those you count as friends. May it bring you peace and prosperity. May it mean an abundance of comfort, a new freedom from care. May it bring you good health and new zest for living.

May it give us an opportunity to again be of service to you, and to show you that we appreciate deeply your friendship and loyalty that we name among our greatest assets.

May 1941 be in every way a Happy New Year, and the dawn of a new and better day.

THE BUCKNER RAGSDALE Co.

SIKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, Editor

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1940

President Roosevelt's address to the citizens of the United States and to the world at large Sunday evening left no doubt in the minds of his hearers how he stood on the defense movement now under way in the United States. It was a plain talk that no one could misunderstand and was delivered with all the sincerity and from the heart of this great President. It should meet with prompt response from every liberty loving citizen of the United States and will unless we miss our guess.

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Summary of the 1940 Extension Program

GOOD HEALTH IMPORTANT

Leading the movement of better health in the home and community, the Farm Bureau continues to offer Group Hospitalization to those members who desire it. Following this example, "Principles of Good Nutrition" to maintain better health, was studied by Home Economics Extension Clubs. Improvement in health, play, school work, and temperment, learning to use better eating habits, and learning to like different kinds of wholesome foods, are results from the hot lunch programs being carried on in 2 Grade Schools of Sikeston, Chaffee Nursery and Grade School, Rockview, Head, Owensby, and Miner Schools.

"Home Sanitation and Its Influence on Family and Community Health" discussed with county leaders by Dr. U. P. Haw, followed by instruction on use of antiseptics and bandaging of wounds by Misses Ethel Anno and Nina Larkin, District Health Nurses, contributed to improvement in health habits of 282 families, 240 adopting better home-nursing procedure, and 123 sanitary out houses constructed.

Health and Sanitation or Health and First Aid was the project work studied by members in 7 4-H clubs in the county.

PRODUCE PROFITABLE POULTRY

"Profitable Poultry Production" was the subject for study in 17 communities of Scott County, emphasizing the importance of keeping the flock healthy from the little chick to the mature fowl through rigid sanitation, proper feeding management. Mrs. Fred Forbis, in the Porter Switch Community, followed recommendations having her flock of 71 full mature, healthy pullets into full production by October, when egg prices are normally rising. Mr. Forbis constructed the necessary equipment including feeders, brooder stove, summer range shelter, and laying house.

DOLLY VARDEN CAKE

Cakes that melt in your mouth are almost synonomous with Southern cookery. At meal time on old plantation homes it was a frequent occurence to find half a dozen varieties of cakes on the table. Here is one of the best of them—

DOLLY VARDEN CAKE

2/3 cup margarine
2 cups sugar
3 eggs
3 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla flavoring

Cream the cottonseed oil margarine, add the sugar gradually and cream well. Add well-beaten eggs, and mix thoroughly; add flour, sifted with baking powder, alternately with milk. Add flavoring. Divide the batter into two parts. Bake one-half of the batter in two 8-inch layers. Into the other half mix the following ingredients:

1 tablespoon molasses
1 teaspoon cloves
1 teaspoon nutmeg
2 cups chopped raisins
1 teaspoon cinnamon nuts if desired

Make two 8-inch layers of this batter and when baked put the dark and light layers together alternately with white icing. Yields one 4-layer cake.

Other favorite Southern recipes are presented in a large, full-color, 100-page free cook book "100 Southern Recipes." Send to National Cotton Council, Box 18, Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Jennie Stubblefield and daughter, Miss Lucille, returned Friday from New Orleans, La., where they had spent the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Graber plan to go to Memphis, Tenn., today to spend New Year's Eve with a group of relatives from Paragould and Blytheville, Ark.

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$1000 If Officials Will Take Prison-Style Whipping

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 29.—A Dallas philanthropist has offered $200 each to officials of six states if they will submit to the kind of whipping he said was given convicts for violating Texas prison rules.

To the Texas Governor, Attorney-General and general manager of the prison system, C. V. Compton made a "special bargain offer" of $1000 for taking 20 lashes. This, he said, was the penalty for minor infractions of regulations.

In addition, members of Compton's family said that for each acceptance they would give $1000 to any charity the Governor designated.

The $200 offer applies to officials of Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Colorado, South Carolina and Tennessee, which Compton said were the only state permitting corporal punishment in prisons. Included are members of the Legislatures, state and county volunteer parole boards, prosecuting attorneys and criminal courts Judges and prison wardens and managers.

The Compton family visited Texas prisons shortly after a group of prisoners maimed themselves in 1940. He said the men did this to escape being whipped and not to avoid work.

Compton suggests that solitary confinement, bread and water and similar penalities be substituted for corporal punishment.

Miss Becky Rockwood, a student at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Okla., is spending the holidays here with her parents, Capt. and Mrs. Rockwood.

Earl Johnson of Farmington transacted business in Sikeston Thursday.

WANTS

FOR RENT—4 room house, block and a half east of Shoe factory. Call at 235 North Handy St. (1t-30p)

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REAL COUNTRY CURED HAMS Also Fresh Home Killed Pork. Watson's Store, Miner Switch.

FOR SALE—One team native 5-year old draft horses; 1 team native draft mares, foaled to jack; 3 young mares in foal to jack; 1 team of 5-year-old big mules; 6 head of mules from 3 to 10 years old. Cash or terms with secured notes. See them at Sikeston Tractor and Implement Co. (tf-28)

25,000 Sportsmen wanted, who believe in complying with the rules and regulations of farmers or property owners, promote friendship, good fellowship and cooperation. Write Emmett R. Koehler, (Director) "United Outdoorsmen of Mo.," 761 Pardella, Lemay, Mo. 1t-30p

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FOR RENT—Bedroom in new modern home with or without board. 732 Lindley. 1t-30p

FOR RENT — Modern sleeping room for gentleman. Close in. 102 E. Kathleen, Phone 267. tf-21

FOR RENT—Modern 7 room house 515 New St. Also modern 5-room house, 924 N. Ranney. Phone 761-W. (tf-29)

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FOR RENT—Sleeping room, 949 Lake. 1t-30p

FOR RENT—2 unfurnished rooms. 407 Wilson, Mrs. Rosa Morrow. (tf-30)

FOR RENT—2 furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Call 317. (tf-30)

FOR RENT — 4 room house 2 blocks south of airport. Key at Eubanks Lumber Co. (4t-30p)

FOR RENT — New 4-room house with bath. Hardwood floors. Call 668 after 4 p. m. or 137. (tf-27)

FOR SALE—Modern house, 405 Moore. Phone 617. (tf-30)

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FOR SALE—Disappearing or Attic stairway, in perfect condition. If interested see F. J. Moore, 513 Woodlawn. (1t-30p)

FOR SALE—55 foot lot close in on Greer Ave. Paved street and sidewalk in and paid. See Lyman Gross at Gross Hotel. (tf-26)

FOR RENT — Sleeping room, all modern conveniences. 425 Matthews Ave., Phone 534. (tf-27)

FOR RENT—Sleeping room at 115 Dorothy. Phone 1007. (2t-30)

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Sikeston, Mo.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Anna Stubblefield, Administratrix of the estate of W. T. Stubblefield, deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such Administratrix at the next term of the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri, to be holden at Benton in said county, on the 3rd day of February, A. D. 1941.

Anna Stubblefield, Administratrix.
31-33-35-37

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The Cedar Chest A Love Token For Valentine Day

Strange to say, when lovestruck males make gleeful purchase of a cedar chest, inwardly convinced that the idea's brand new for Valentine's Day, they're only carrying out an idea that dates back to the third century!

Valentine's Day takes its name from Valentine, a quiet, gentle priest who lived during the tryannical and war-ravaged reign of Claudius, emperor of Rome. Claudius, needing men for his bloodthirsty forays, discovered the sad but century-old fact that married men were far more reluctant than single men to give up the comforts of home, so to combat the insiduous influence, he issued an imperial decree, forbidding further marriages to take place!

The Roman youths and maidens, aghast at this decree, turned in a body to the only person who offered hope and consolation—the good priest, Valentine. Faced with the decision of church ethics vs. emperor's orders, Valentine disobeyed the imperial decree—and married all the young couples who came to him.

On hearing of this, Claudius, in fury, had the good priest thrown into prison, where he died, as history tells us "on February 14, a martyr to love."

Taking up his cudgels, the church, in 271 A. D., made a saint of Valentine, setting aside the date of his death, February 14, as the annual day for observation. To the youths and maidens of this early era, February 14 was the one day out of the entire calendar, wholly reserved for public and private lovemaking—a day of wild and incredible rejoicing!

Customs change throughout the years—but tradition and sentiment, never! Today, via printed verse, shy maidens send phrases they would never trust their lips to form. Shy, or matter-of-fact males, knowing presents speak louder than words, say it with gifts in various form.

Flowers and candy, for instance, are grand for expressing only a "passing fancy," but deadly serious modern males trust their hopes and aims to the magic of a cedar chest—for faith and hope, twin elements of Romance, dwell eternal in cedar. Solomon built the Temple of Israel out of cedar from Lebanon; the Chinese speak reverently of the cedar as "the tree of undying love." From the standpoint of practicality, no other wood offers the moth-resistance of cedar; no other wood is so aromatically fragrant.

And there is no gainsaying the advantage of a gift that stands snugly, daily, nightly, at the foot of his beloved's bed, blithely acting as a constant reminder of his love, or, if she places the chest beside the fireplace, in lieu of a love seat, so much the better—For love seats and fireplaces are Romance plus—even to young moderns!

A secret warehouse for his and her hopes. Even the moth proof insurance policy which arrives along with, or shortly after, the cedar chest, seems added protection for their love; survival among the sheets and blankets!

Wouldn't the good old saint Valentine, who gavt his life for love, recognize the wisdom of the strategy, and wise old priest that he was, have approved the idea!

Farewell Party For Company K

The public is invited to attend the farewell party for Company K to be held at the Armory on Monday night at 7:30, December 30 (this evening). This program is free and the general public is invited to attend.

The party is sponsored by the City Council, Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Senior Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, and the American Legion Auxiliary.

The program is as follows:

"America."

Pledge of Allegiance, led by Rev. Blount F. Davidson.

Introduction of National Guard Officers and Civic Heads.

Introduction of Lieutenant Honey.

Music by the 140th Infantry Band.

Address: U. S. District Attorney Harry Blanton.

Solo.

Remarks: C. H. Denman.

Remarks: Mayor G. W. Presnell.

Response: A member of Company K.

Music by the 140th Infantry Band.

"God Bless America," by the assemblage.

Company K will parade in the down town section and stand at retreat in Legion Park on Thursday afternoon, January 2 at 4 o'clock.

Don't Forget

WHEN YOU renew the fire insurance policy on the furnishings in your home, don't forget to increase the amount of your present insurance to cover all those things you have added since your present policy was written.

ALLARD & MATTHEWS
Insurance Agency
Room 250 McCoy-Tanner Building
(Directly over the Bijou)

CANALOU NEWS
H. S. Literature Class

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Taul spent the holidays in Kentucky with his parents and the latter part of the week in Advance with Mrs. Taul's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Duckett.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva McCollom spent Christmas week in Northwest Missouri with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Poage and Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilbur of Sikeston spent Xmas Eve with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Giddens.

Miss Frances Conrad spent Xmas at her home in Lutesville; this was the first time that all of her family had been together in seven years. The family was very happy to have two brothers there, who have been in Naval Service.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Giddens spent the week-end in Sikeston with friends.

Traveling Around America

Photo Grace Line

CAMERA - MAD

Many of the Indians in the Andean villages are camera shy but this woman's over-the-shoulder look registers pure anger! Types like these are seen on almost any of the highways radiating from Quito, skytop capital featured in the popular 24-day fortnightly cruises to Ecuador.

Indians in all degrees of civilization are found in this little republic. The most civilized, naturally, live in settlements not far from the white man's cities. They are famous for their weaving; and their markets are heaped with piles of rugs, shawls, and ponchos woven by hand in gorgeous colors and artistic designs — articles which "gringos" are eager to buy. Competing with these Indian villages for the attention of travelers are the little towns where natives weave Panama hats. Here, also, the bargain hunter can indulge in his pet pastime. Farther inland in the jungles near the head-waters of the Amazon are the very primitive Jivaros who dress in practically no clothes and who still depend upon poison darts and blow guns to furnish them with meat for their daily fare. Primitive or civilized, however, the Indian villages of Ecuador always are entertaining and carry one far away from the troubles of current times.

Edna Mae Stark.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lucey and small daughter of LaForge were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Blankinship.

Mr. Ben Caldwell spent Christmas at his home in Cape Girardeau and went to Vanduser to see the local teams in the ball tournament.

SCHOOL NOTES

Most students are back in school to-day after the Cotton Vacation and holidays. We are on the second week of another Attendance Contest among the home room groups. The prize this time will probably be a Theater Party. Each group excepting the Junior-High has won a party.

The basket ball teams have just completed their first tournament of the year, at Vanduser. The girls were successful in getting 4th place and the boys finished with 3rd place. We are sorry that we could not have had winnings a little higher up; but we are more than proud to have our players recognized for ability and sportsmanship. Vina Lancaster and James Westerfield were picked for the first all star team and Harold Ralph and Rachel Coppage were picked for the second team. Each of these four received a small gold basket ball.

Wilda Lefler, star forward on the girl's basket ball team, suffered severe cuts on her foot Tuesday night in a car accident. She seems to be progressing nicely, but may be out of school for several days. She may be out of the basket ball line-up for several months. She has the hopes of the entire school that she improves rapidly.

Mr. Raybern Butler who is attending school in Columbia visited school Monday. Raybern is taking work in Agriculture.

Cars Collide

Sunday afternoon a car driven by Canto Thrower, of Sikeston, collided with another car in Morehouse causing the Thrower car to turn over three times injuring Simon Thrower about the head. Two other lads in the car, Bill Taylor and Jimmie Johnson, Jr., were badly shaken up as was the driver of the car, but Simon Thrower was the only one needing medical attention which was given by Dr. H. M. Kendig.

The Albritton ambulance was called and delivered the boys back to Sikeston. The Thrower boys live on Sikes Avenue, the other boys live in the same neighborhood.

YEAR-ROUND COTTON "PUSH"

Some months ago, National Cotton Week was observed. The retailers of America joined together in a great mass effort to stimulate sales of all manner of cotton products.

Now, in the opinion of John R. Nichols, managing director of the Institlte of Distribution, an organization which represents America's principal non-grocery chain systems, special effort should be given to "pushing" cotton the year around.

That should be done, he said, in conjunction with a year-round education program provided by the cotton industry itself. "Through the work of such a program," he added, "a hard-hitting effort should be provided, for example, to educate America to 'call for cotton when you buy'; to encourage the development of worthy new cotton uses; to re-emphasize the miracle of cotton in schools, in the public press and elsewhere . . . in short, to 'sell' the story of cotton."

That is the kind of work we need in this country. Cotton underlies the whole economy of a great group of states — cotton is the source of livelihood of millions of people. As foreign markets disappear, the cotton producers and bafricators must turn to the home market. Cotton can have no more effective ally than the retail stores of this country.

John Houchens of Jackson, Miss. visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Houchens Christmas.

MINER TEACHERS GIVE PARTY

Honoring the Miner Merry Homemakers Club, a Christmas party was given at the Miner Church on Friday, Dec. 20, by the teachers of the Miner School, Mrs. James Reeves, Mrs. Jewell Allen, and Miss Madge Davis. A noon dinner, cooked by Mrs. Pearl Ward and Mrs. Ethel Grigsby, who have charge of the W. P. A. lunch room project there, preceded the entertainment. The guests exchanged Christmas gifts in the spirit of the holiday. Mrs. Harold Lewis is president of the Miner Club.

WHAT IS YOUR DRIVING I Q?

Q—Road-hogs ought to be banned from the roads, but they aren't! Now when you meet one of them, what is the best thing for you to do? Will you. . .

(a) honk your horn long and loud. Maybe he will take the hint and move over.

(b) slow up and pull over to the right side of the road.

(c) take all of your side of the road and then some. Perhaps a close shave will cure him!

Q—The speed limit for truck on Missouri highways is 40 m. p. h.

.....True. .....False.

ANSWERS:

(b) Don't take any chances.

True.

Mrs. Ruskin McCoy has gone to New Orleans, La., to attend the Sugar Bowl football game on New Year's day.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the office of the City Clerk, Sikeston, Missouri, up to five o'clock P. M., on Friday, the 10th day of January, 1941, for furnishing material and labor in connection with the work of paving with concrete that portion of the roadway of Sikes Avenue from the Smith property line of Wallace Avenue to the north property line of Woodlawn Avenue, according to plans and specifications on file in my office, the work to be let as a whole and not sub-divided.

All proposals must stipulate that contractor will accept the payment thereof Special Tax bills issued against the property abutting on the improvement.

The pavement to be constructed is approximately 384.7 feet in length and approximately 31 feet wide.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A. C. Barrett,
City Clerk, City of Sikeston.

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Sikeston Standard, $2 per year.

NOTICE
WE DELIVER
2000 pounds Coal Quality and Service.
Weighed and Not guessed at
Scale ticket with each delivery.
Phone 69
JEWELL COAL YARD

To Our Friends and Customers

We desire to express our thanks for the large volume of business you have favored us with during the past year. In return we have done our level best to give you Prompt Service, Courtesy and the best Quality Foods obtainable.

Our sincere wish is Happiness and Prosperity during 1941.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT MOW
Owners H & H Grocery

S. T. Bloomfield — G. H. McCary
Ivan Baugher — J. N. Walker

From the moment 1941 dawns, let it be rich with everything good for you. We'll be glad to treat you to happiness.

Ray C. Marsh
Distributor of Grennan Cakes — Phone 675

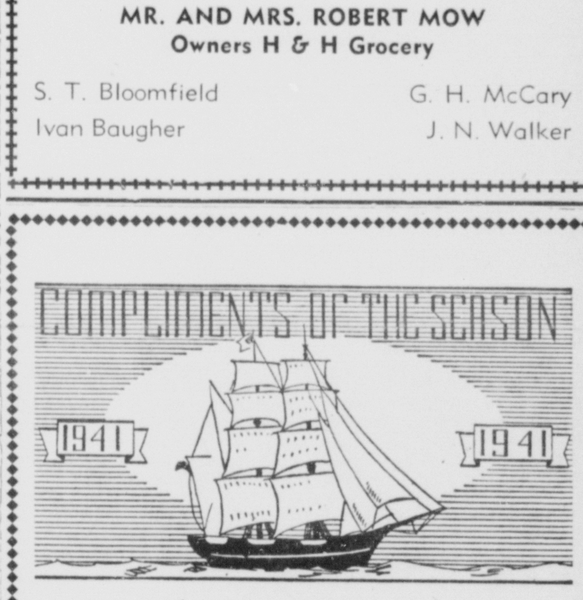
NOTICE TO OUR PATRONS

We will be closed all day New Years, Wednesday to enable our employees to have a day of rest.

Order placed for Wednesday delivery will be taken care of.

Thanks for the 1940 business we have enjoyed.

WOEHLECKE
The Florist



To our Members and Friends we extend the Sincere Wish that you have a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Scott-New Madrid-Mississippi Cooperative Association

Rendering R. E. A. Cooperative Electric Service.

Ring out the old and ring in the new . . . remember this, our wish to you.

Pitman Cleaners and Tailors
Phone 542—We Call for and Deliver

Please accept our sincere appreciation of your good will during 1940, and our wishes for a Happy New Year.

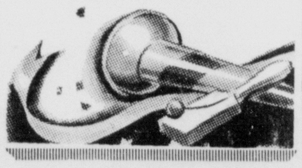
BUTLER'S CORNER GROCERY AND MARKET
"The Right Store in the Right Town"

Our best wishes to all of you, and our sincere thanks for your loyal patronage.

1940 was a Banner year with us. 1941 will find us ready to serve you with "dependable Merchandise at reasonable prices."

The Peoples Store
Nathan Yoffie

KING'S PALACE CAFE
WISHES *for A*
HAPPY NEW YEAR



THE MODEL BARBER SHOP
Lynn Swaim

May the joy and happiness of this New Year season hover over you throughout the entire year. We pledge ourselves now to strive harder than ever before to merit your confidence and loyalty.

A New Year ahead! New visions . . . new hope . . . new opportunities. May the coming year be all that you hope for.

Brook's Mercantile Co.
Next Door to Nu-Way Cleaners
Phone 1055—We Deliver
Malone Ave. — Sikeston

PHONE 705

Get your home and wardrobe in order after holiday festivities! Nu-Way cleaning will see you through the rest of the winter . . . economically!

Phone 705
NU WAY LEANING Co.
As you want 'em When you want 'em

"Mama" Luden welcomed Carl's bride.

SYNOPSIS

To prove to a young artist friend (Dallies Frantz), who is "clearing out" because the affections of a sweet young girl are the only thing he has, that "sharing love is far from sharing nothing" elderly Lord Shayne (Ian Hunter) takes him to the home of a sweet old lady he knows. Two portraits on her piano seem to tell a story . . . Sarah Millick (Jeannette Macdonald), answering the "Call of Life," leaves her prenuptial ball to elope with Carl Linden (Nelson Eddy), a penniless composer who has been teaching her voice. In Vienna, his home, Carl hopes to find a producer for an operetta he has written.

CHAPTER TWO

London, Paris, Vienna! Only a few hours apart as boats and streamliners travel—but how different in mood, in verse, in tempo! Surely this fresh bubbling young girl just loose from Victoria's bonnet strings was answering the Call of Life as she swept on to the Danube around which the Strausses waltzed the world—on to the city of life and laughter which even took her heavy name Sarah and changed it to the lovely Sa-hi!

"Look, darling, there's the tower of St. Stephens," cried Carl as the train swept into the station, "Make a wish—everybody does the first time they see it." But Sarah couldn't wish—because she couldn't see—because she had a cinder in her eye! "Never mind, you can see and wish tomorrow—and every day," comforted Carl. "The old tower will be there always—the guardian angel of Vienna, like the good father giving a benediction."

Carl rushed off to collect the baggage—and Sarah got a "military welcome" to her new home town.

The smartly uniformed officer who stared her out of countenance as she passed along the train corridor could have been found nowhere else in the world. From the monocle in his eye to the mirror-like sheen on the tip of his boots, he was debonair—sophisticated.

As Sarah passed she saw him stoop to pick up a handkerchief—and rush after her. When he presented it to her with a click of his heels and an elaborate bow, she clearly showed her annoyance that he would try such an obvious trick.

"It's not mine," she said coldly as she automatically reached into her handbag. When the hand came out empty her hauteur gave way to a smile of contrition. "I'm sorry . . I made a mistake. Thank you," she said.

"Which, I take it, absolves me from having given the wrong impression," the stranger continued in his courtly manner.

"All the same, I do feel Vienna is showing off," Sarah laughed. "An encounter with a dashing cavalry officer my very first minute here. You are cavalry, aren't you?"

"Imperial Hussars. Baron von Tranisch, at your service."

Sarah was to remember that name, that man and that manner for the rest of her life. He moved off politely as Carl rejoined her with the twittering remark: "Flying high, I must say. A military welcome!"

Carl was sure at least two people in his native city would have the inclination—and the time— to meet him on his return. Max and Ernst were at the station—and both kissed the bride without as much as a "by your leave" and with but a passing glance at her friend they hadn't seen for so long. They were musicians, comrades in want in Carl's earlier and more irresponsible days—but they did whatever came to hand to satisfy an almost insatiable appetite for food and drink.

"Come boys, we must be getting home," the bridegroom said when the greetings were over. Not until their subterfuges became too obvious was he able to demand—and get—an explanation. They'd pawned his furniture—all of it — for money, they said, to celebrate his wedding!

"I'm relying on you to have my chattels moved in at once," Carl said to the pawnbroker as he handed him money and a sheaf of tickets he had collected from the sheepish pair. "I can't very well take my wife to a bare apartment."

Sarah's amusement at what she considered a typical Viennese situation saved the day. "It might have been charming to be carried across the threshold of a pawnshop," she laughed—and Carl and the others laughed with her. Max and Ernst with great relief.

"I'll carry you across my own threshold—if you haven't pawned that," Carl said—and he did—up three flights of stairs into four walls of emptiness — emptiness broken by his irrepressible friends' wedding gift bought, they swore, with "their very own money." It was an atrociously framed chromo hung in solitary splendor — and they themselves were the subjects in the frame!

Four walls—one room — bare furniture, after the Victorian elegance of the Millick ancestral home! Sarah walked around fascinated, inspecting every detail. From a window in the little recess which served as a kitchen she saw the tower of old St. Stephens. "I've made my wish," she cried.

"So have I—what's your's," her husband answered.

"It's bad luck to tell," Sarah shook her head determinedly.

"You didn't wish you were back in London," Carl asked in anxious fear, "—that you hadn't given up all your comforts and security?"

Sarah was hurt by his doubt. "Carl!" she cried. "All I wished was that we might be happy like this for the rest of our lives."

"Mama," Luden's had often been Carl's home when he had no other. It would serve now for the few hours until the pawnbroker arrived with the furniture.

There were cries of welcome from old friends among the diners in the quant little cafe as he entered with his pretty English bride. Mama Luden herself rushed up with tears in her eyes and embraced him. "Why it's my good, good friend!" she cried. "We've been waiting for you and your little wife—to celebrate. There's a barrel of your favorite Tokay for you to broach."

Where there was food and drink there were always the irrepressibles.

"Mama," said Ernst, "he wrote us that his bride had lovely red hair."

"Well, she has, I see," the friend of all musical Vienna answered.

"But he didn't tell us it shines like burnished gold in the sun—little things like that he'd never tell us," came back the solemn complaint.

"And of her eyes, he said only 'beautiful'," Max contributed. "He didn't say they were deep, limpid pools of mystery and glare."

"I never could write a good letter," laughed Carl while Sarah blushed. "But now to the Tokay—my father called it the wine of love, laughter, and song."

"Mama" Luden's heart was warm. Again her eyes were filled with tears. Her Carl was back home—singing "Tokay" as only he could sing it: "Tokay! The golden sunshine of a summer day. Tokay! Will bear the burden of your cares away. Here's to the love in you, the hate in you, desire in you. Wine of the sun that will waft you along, lifting you high on the wings of a song. Dreams in you, the flame in you, the fire in you—Tokay! Tokay!"

Here indeed was the Life That Called—and had to be answered. Sarah, too, sang—as Carl had taught her to sing—and how proud he was of her and she of him!

The first business at hand for this daring family — a penniless Viennese composer and the daughter of a titled Englishman—was the sale of Carl's operetta. Their whole future depended upon it.

"Kiss me for luck," he said gaily next morning in their single room refurnished with the pawnbroker's aid, as he packed reams of manuscript into his brief case. "I'm off to the wars!"

"There, that's a very lucky kiss—I took a lot of pains with it," Sarah said as she threw her arms around his neck.

Her spirits were as high as his as he went out the door. Herr Wyler, Europe's foremost musical producer, wanted a new piece of property, they had been told.

Tranisch spins his web—in the next installment.

CORN STICKS

Of all foods which have had their origin in the South, corn bread is one of the best known. The further South you go, the more frequently corn bread appears on the menu. Morning, noon and night there are appropriate corn breads. Among the best liked are

CORN STICKS

1 cup corn meal
½ cup flour
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon soda
½ cup sour buttermilk
1 egg
½ tablespoon margarine

Sift meal, flour, salt and soda three times. Add the milk and beaten egg yolk, melted margarine, and lastly beaten egg white. Pour small amount into piping hot, greased corn stick pans and bake in hot oven (425° F.) for 15 minutes. Serve hot and with a generous amount of cotton seed oil margarine. Yields 8 to 10 sticks.

Other favorite Southern recipes are presented in a large, full-color, 100-page cook book, "100 Southern Recipes." Send to National Cotton Council, Box 18, Memphis, Tenn.

Glazing puts a shine on fruit cakes. When cakes are half-way baked or just ready to be removed from the oven, brush tops with mixture of honey and water, egg white and water, or evaported milk. Molasses and water may be brushed over dark fruit cakes.

Ford Recalls First Engine

Detroit, Mich., December 24.—Forty-seven years ago in the kitchen of a modest home in Detroit's downtown Bagley avenue, a 30-year-old mechanical engineer spun the flywheel of a little engine fashioned out of a piece of gas pipe; his young wife poured gasoline, drop by drop, from an oil cup through a funnel into the intake check valve. . . .

It was an experiment that was to lead to mass production of automobiles; one of the greatest family-owned industrial empires the world ever has known and world-renown for the relatively obscure engineer of a Detroit electric illuminating company intent upon building a horseless carriage.

ANNIVERSARY DATE

For Henry Ford, the young engineer, the experiment was intended to prove or disprove the soundness of the principle of the gas engine. The tiny explosions that Ford and his wife heard from the crude device have since echoed in the more refined cylinders of the upwards of 28,000,000 automobiles Ford subsequently built.

It was on December 22, 1893, that Ford set up his home-made engine in the kitchen. A small plank was clamped to the sink. Fastened to the plank was the little motor made of a piece of pipe, a simple piston, a small ftywheel, two ordinary brass check valves, a pair of gears that ran two to one and an oil cup.

An electric cord from the light socket near the sink was split, one strand being used to obtain the spark and the other being grounded to the water faucet.

Five months later Ford completed his first small horseless vehicle, in a brick barn back of the Ford home. It was necessary to break out one of the walls to get the car out, and at 2 o'clock in the morning the first road test was undertaken. It wasn't entirely successful, for the little car came home with only one of its two cylinders functioning.

A decade afterward Ford organized the present Ford Motor Company after a brief experience with an earlier automobile company. The little engine that was tested in the kitchen sink, the first car and the brick barn in which it was built still exists, part of the Ford historical collection at his Greenfield village in near-by Dearborn.

On the site of the early Ford home in Bagley avenue now stands one of the city's largest motion picture theatres. In front of it flows an almost constant stream of automobile traffic.

Ford regards the first little car as an historical exhibit in transportation progress. He points to it as the tangible evidence that won the famous Selden patent suit — litigation he carried on alone to establish his rights to manufacture automobiles without paying license fees to the holders of the patent.

There is no record that Mrs. Ford objected seriously to having her kitchen converted into a laboratory or to the accumulation of exhaust gas that nearly filled it when the little experimental engine began to function. She did wonder why an electric wire had to be strung across the sinkboard, but she was a willing helper.

REWED AS MOVE TO GET U. S. INSURANCE

Cape Girardeau, Mo., Dec. 23.—If you can't find your marriage license, don't wed again in order to qualify for old-age and survivors insurance benefits under the Social Security Act!

Virdon W. Taylor, manager of the Social Security Board field office at Cape Girardeau, issued this warning today after reciting the experience of one of the Board's field office executives. A claimant, 65, with sufficient coverage to permit him to retire and receive monthly payments of approximately $24 a month asked about his wife, also over 65. He was informed that she would be eligible for $12 additionally if an application with proof of marriage and age was furnished.

Much to the field manager's surprise, the couple promptly returned stating that they had just remarried. They probably presented a brand new marriage certificate—instead of obtaining a copy of the original.

Repeating the marriage ceremony not only cost them money but was unnecessary. Also, according to the provisions of the Social Security Act, it was useless. Later the couple was able to obtain a certified copy of their original marriage certificate.

"Proof of marriage is essential if wives of retired workers are to receive payments," Taylor explained, "and also in the case of survivors insurance for widows and children. It's a good idea for workers to bear this fact in mind and obtain and preserve marriage certificates so that they are always readily available.

Mr. Taylor's office is located at 400 Broadway, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

MUSKRATS

In an effort to restore beavers and muskrats on areas suitable for them, the Alabama State Department of Conservation has received approval to use part of its Federal Aid to wildlife funds for the live-trapping of these animals to be used in restocking certain areas. Previous experiments with the re-establishment of muskrats along the Gulf Coast have been successful, and the Conservation Department is extending this activity.

The majority of beaver colonies in Alabama are on private lands, while at the same time there are some 20,000 acres of public lands which there are no beavers. Proper management, it is believed, will increase the state's supply of fur animals over a larger area.

Father and Son Jailed After Shooting

New Madrid, Dec. 24.—R. H. Kennedy, 50 years old, and his son, Nathel, 22, are held in the county jail facing State charges after the elder Kennedy was shot and slightly wounded at the family home near here Sunday night.

Deputy Sheriff J. W. James said Kennedy accused his son of shooting him twice with a pistol. One bullet struck him in the shoulder and the other caused only a slight flesh wound. Nathel Kennedy was charged with assault with intent to kill and his father was charged with carrying concealed weapons. He had a pistol in his possession at time of arrest, James said.

"The elder Kennedy," said James, "was at liberty under bond pending trial on charge of felonious assault on his son last August." The Kennedy family came here some time ago from Alabama. Neither has explained cause of the trouble.

Turkey Timbales tastefully take care of leftover fowl. Mix two cups chopped, cooked turkey meat with the egg, salt and pepper. Line well-greased ramekins with the mixture, press fresh-made dressing in the centers, and bake about 30 minutes in moderate oven (350° F.). Serves six.

Sikeston Standard, $2.00 per year.

Celebrate New Year's Eve
AT THE
COTTON CLUB
"Southeast Missouri's Finest"

Joe Gladley
and His
Orchestra
will furnish the latest in dance hits.

Come out and Dine and Dance at this Modern Club.

FINEST OF AMERICAN AND CHINESE FOODS

COVER CHARGE $1.50 STAG OR DRAG.

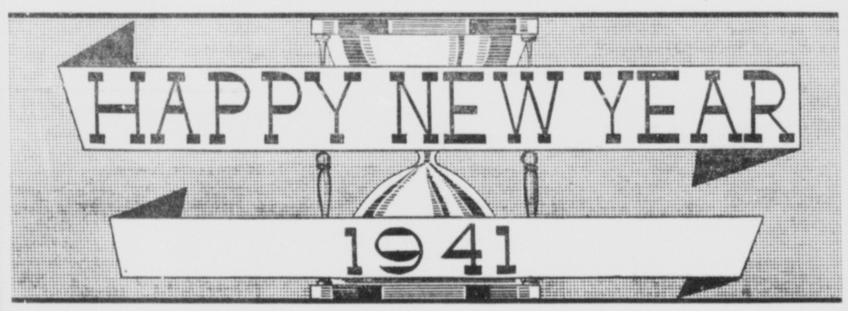
We wish to extend the Season's Greetings to our Customers and friends.

Girls Are Advised To Build-Up For Relief

Lack of knowledge causes many a weak, undernourished girl a lot of suffering!

Many others, however, know how the headaches, nervousness, cramp-like pain of *functional dysmenorrhea* due to malnutrition are helped by the proper use of CARDUI.

Some take it a few days before and during "the time," to help ease periodic distress. But CARDUI'S principal use is to help increase appetite; stimulate the flow of gastric juice; so aid digestion, assist in building up physical resistance and thus help reduce peri- Women have used



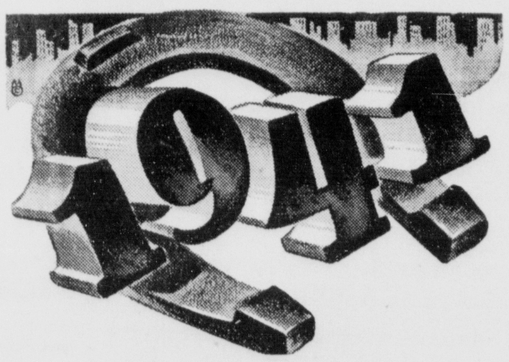
FROM THE HEART

We send you our wishes for a Happy New Year and a 1941 full of Joy, Peace and Prosperity.

Each year makes us more keenly aware of the value of your friendship, and more determined to deserve it. Only because of friends like you have our growth and service been possible.

May 1941 bring you every Happiness!

GRABER'S STORES



As another year approaches, we join our good wishes to the many you will be receiving. We hope we have served you well in the past—and ask the privilege of continuing to do so in the future.

B. B. TATUM
Representative The Texas Co.

OUR ENTIRE PERSONNEL WISHES YOU
A HAPPY NEW YEAR
WE THANK YOU—OUR CUSTOMERS

For your splendid patronage.

For your kind consideration during the holiday rush of business when the store was crowded with people, and we were unable to give you all the personal attention we would have liked to.

For all the nice things you have said about us.

For your compliments on the numerous improvements in our store and service.

For all your good wishes.

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES THIS COMING YEAR

To the giving of a courteous, gracious service.

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News of the Town

Mrs. Ed Kendall, Reporter.—Phone 761W

A Christmas Eve party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Matthews and Miss Lena Matthews on Greer, was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Matthews and son, Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Matthews, Jr., and son Glenn III, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Matthews and three sons, Mr. and Mrs. Tanner Dye and two sons and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Ensor and their two children.

Judge W. H. Carter returned Wednesday night from Carbondale, Ill., where he had visited his daughters for several weeks.

Miss Amanda Goddard and her brother, Vernon of St. Louis were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Ensor Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Burns and sons spent Christmas day in Cape Girardeau as guests of Mrs. Burns' mother, Mrs. Lewis Daugherty.

Mrs. Irma Wilson Allen entertained the following guests at dinner at the Colonial Tavern, Cape Girardeau Friday, Mrs. Kate Harris, Miss Lydia and Miss Audrey Chaney, Miss Margaret Harris, Mrs. O. E. Kendall of Sikeston; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Chaney and son, Ben Jr., of Boulder, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Roth, Miss Betty and John Roth of Cape Girardeau. Miss Allen and her son, Joe, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roth during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Cunningham and the latter's mother, Mrs. J. E. Dover, entertained at a family dinner Christmas evening at the Dover home on North Street. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Dover and sons, Joe, Bob and John; Mrs. A. P. Bowman, daughter, Miss Margaret, and sons Paul Jr., and Phil; Mrs. C. E. Dover, her three daughters, Misses Dorothy, Mary and Laura, and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Matthews Jr., and their son, Glenn III; Mrs. A. W. Wylie, Mrs. Laura Slack and Cletus Ferguson.

Mrs. Paul Higgins of Decatur, Ill., and Miss Vernetta Smith were in Cape Girardeau Thursday to visit Mrs. Wallis Clippard, who is recovering from an operation at the Southeast Missouri hospital.

Mrs. J. J. Johnson of Blytheville, Ark., visited with her sister, Mrs. Pitt White at the Sikeston General Hospital, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Buchanan and sons of St. Louis spent Christmas day with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Buchanan.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Tipp and children went to Nevada, Mo., last Tuesday and visited relatives until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Randall and son, Francis of Owensboro, Ky., were guests in the home of their nephew, Wilbur Ensor and family, Friday night.

Mrs. O. E. Kendall was hostess at a dinner party at her home on South Kingshighway Thursday afternoon. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Ben Chaney and son, Ben Jr., of Boulder, Colo., Mrs. Kate Harris, Miss Lydia and Miss Audrey Chaney, Miss Margaret Harris, Mr. and Mrs. James Kevil, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sikes, Porter Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kendall, Miss Emily Kendall and the hostess.

Burl Goodpasture, of Houston, Texas, a former citizen of Sikeston was a visitor in the city during the Christmas holidays. He reports his parents as being well.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Lutes and son, Rex Lynn were Christmas guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lutes in Marble Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Chaney and son, Ben Jr., left Sunday morning for their home in Boulder, Colo., after visiting in the home of Mr. Chaney's mother, Mrs. Kate Harris, since December 22.

Porter Kendall had as dinner guests at the Dunn Hotel Friday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Chaney and son, Ben Jr., of Boulder, Colo., Miss Margaret Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kendall and their daughter, Miss Emily Kendall. Sunday, Mr. Kendall entertained Mrs. O. E. Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sikes, Mrs. Kate Harris, Miss Lydia and Miss Audrey Chaney at a noon dinner at the Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Barton were in Memphis, Tenn., Thursday and Friday.

RINGNECKS

The Kansas Forestry, Fish and Game Commisison, under a Federal Aid project approved by the Fish and Wildlife Service, will stock ringnecked pheasants in the western part of the State, the National Wildlife Federation announces. A limited number of birds are now present in southwest Kansas, and under the project, it is planned to place birds in suitable habitats in that part of the state. Counties in the southwestern part of the state in which releases are made will be closed to hunting for a three year period.

All released birds will be banded, and records kept as to the location, number, condition of birds, and date of releases.

HENLEY-DONNELL ENGAGEMENT TOLD

The engagement of Miss Betty Belle Donnell, daughter of Mrs. Georgia Donnell, to Claude Henley, Jr., of Memphis, Tenn., was announced Thursday afternoon at a small party given by Mrs. Donnell at her home on Tanner street. The news was revealed when Billy Renner, small son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Renner of Mt. Ayr, Ia., dressed as Santa Claus presented gifts to the guests and an engagement ring to Miss Donnell.

In addition to the Christmas decorations in the rooms, flowers in pastel shades were used. Mary Liz Renner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Renner, assisted at the refreshment table.

Miss Donnell attended William Woods College at Fulton, Mo., and received her degree at the University of Missouri in June. She is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, and is teaching in the local school system this year.

Mr. Henley is a senior in the School of Journalism at Missouri University. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

No definite date for the wedding has been planned.

The guests at the party were close friends of the honoree and included Miss Eleanor Harty, Mrs. Ward Denman, Miss Evelyn Allard, Mrs. Glenn Ault of Charleston, Miss Mary Louise Himmelberger of Cape Girardeau, Mrs. E. R. Putnam, Jr., Miss Olga Matthews, Miss Henrietta Moore, Mrs. John Wilson and Miss Helen Hutchings of Hackettstown, N. J., a cousin of Miss Donnell.

★ ★ BAZAAR PREVIEW ★ ★

Designed by Harley Earl, Chief of the General Motors Styling Section, this smooth, winged, silver evening dress of Crown Tested rayon, bearing a plastic a plastic shield like the one on the front of the Cadillac Special 60 Sedan.

Conservation News

The December issue of Missouri Wildlife contains a story by George F. Jordan captioned "Examines Vote Figures" in which he discusses the fact that although Number Five was defeated by two to one, over 350,000 voters voted Yes. He further discusses the fact that if the removal of those persons voting No through customery prejudices of voting against every item submitted, with any thought as to what the item is, the present method of handling the conservation work or Game and Fish Department would have been removed from the Constitution.

While we, personally, voted Yes on this proposition, we did not advise the public through our paper, or our friends privately, to follow us in this decision, mainly because we were prejudiced and do not believe that any person or persons under State government should be given authority to make rules or regulations governing any action of ourselves or the public which carries a penalty of fine or imprisonment. We believe that the Game and Fish Department is being better handled under its present set up than previously. However, we are not in favor of not knowing what rules and regulations we can fish under from one day to the next.

We believe that this part of the law could be strengthened if the Commission would submit to the Legislature as each session the rules and regulations governing their plan of operation for each biennium and then have those laws published it would save a considerable number of repeal votes in the future.

Washington Comment

The happenings of the week have brought British affairs, rather than American, to the front as a topic for comment. The death of Lord Lothian, British Minister, produced general and heartfelt sorrow. Although always alert to the dignity of his position, his democratic and friendly manner endeared him to those who had the benefit of no more than a single and casual meeting. His work was done at a time when England was sorely in need of a friend. It was well done, even though diplomacy had not been the chief business of his life. Lord Lothian will be remembered kindly for the reason that made Lord Bryce popular on both sides of the water in years gone by: a thorough understanding of the American people, coupled with an administration of the affairs of his office which left no room for complaints or criticism.

Without going into the equities of the situation, or presuming to decide what is best for the United States, it must be said that the sentiment in favor of help for England continues to grow. A cabinet member favors aid to the extent of according credit, and sees no harm in furnishing anything short of men. The auction sale of fifteen ships to England is regarded as practically certain, with about fifty more to be disposed of in the same manner. Most of them have hung at anchor since the World War. Many think that if Hitler can be overcome with no more inconvenience than cleaning out the junk yards, transactions along that line are wise. The opposing view is that if anything is good enough to assist a foreign nation to defend herself, it is good enough to keep.

A German warning, allegedly from the pen of Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop, advises the United States to work with Germany before it is too late, adding that Nazi conceptions represent the law of the coming century, which must be recognized or denied. It seems as though the threat had not been taken seriously by those whom it was supposed to frighten. Secretary Morgenthau announces that the taxable issue of defense notes, carrying an interest of less than one per cent, was over subscribed before the books were more than fairly opened. The people do not seem to think that, in buying government securities, they are putting their money in a place from which Mr. Hitler can take it away.

A cold winter is beginning to settle over Europe. It is still recalled that Finland, the small time but good paymaster, will have to suffer, along with other conquered nations. Yet there is sound sense in the resolve of the American Government and the Red Cross to repudiate the suggestion that supplies be distributed by neutral agents in subjugated lands. The reason for lack of interest in feeding Europe is a matter of common knowledge. All the intended recipients would get, would be the small satisfaction of smelling yankee bacon frying in Nazi skillets.

It seems to be pretty generally admitted that the defense program has slowed down a little, but who is to blame, if blame can be deposited on one set of shoulders, is a point that has not been settled. Almost any group may have to face the accusing finger. Congress, organized labor, industry, and the Administration are responsible, if all charges are true. In other words, the country is in league against itself. Add the efforts of Communism, and defense appears to have no chance at all.

If is sometimes charged that Americans are strong on short lived enthusiasm and short on sustained interest. There might be something in that. During the campaign, both leading parties capitalized on national defense. It took on a partisan garb and went over large. With the spell binders taking a four year vacation, the public settled back on the time honored policy of letting George do it. The country simply has bitten off a larger mouthful than it can chew at noontime lunch room speed. It is idle to pass back and forth the charge that this agency or that is lying down on the defense job.

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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1—
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Comedy.
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With Baby Sandy.
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MONDAY, DEC. 30—
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"Midnight Limited"
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Libya ◆ Battleground For Centuries

One of the confusing things about trying to keep up to date on geography during a world disturbance is that they change names on you when you're not looking.

Some of the maps of North Africa show a country called Tripoli, or Tripolitania. Others show Libya but no Tripoli. The two names both apply, loosely, to the same Italian province, though the boundaries have shifted considerably from time to time.

The advance of the British armies into Libya, following the drive of Italy into Egypt in an effort to command Suez, is merely a resumption of a row that has been going on in that neighborhood for several thousand years.

Like Albania, Libya has been overrun by major and minor Powers ever since history began, and the end is not yet. Anciently, it was composed of all North Africa except Egypt.

Greece was the first major Power (in those days) to move in. Homer mentions Libya in his Odyssey, as land of great fertility, to the west of Egypt. Cyrene was a Greek city, and it gave the name to the area known as Cyrenaica, which, together with Tripolitania proper, roughly made up the present area of Libya.

Greece was succeeded by the Ptolemies, Greco-Egyptian rulers who flourished from a few years before Christ to about three centuries later. Then the Romans took over. In fact, Rome in its heyday was supposed to have controlled all Africa except Egypt and Ethiopia. The famous city of Carthage, in what is now Tunisia, was west of Libya. Carthage had been crushed, about a century and a half before Christ, after a Roman statesman had insisted on its destruction at the end of every speech, and he made a lot of speeches.

When Rome fell, the Vandals overran Libya. Then the Byzantine rulers chased out the Vandals, then the Arabs chased out the Byzantines. The Turks were next in the waiting line, and this brings the mottled history of Libya up to 1553.

Turkish rule degenerated into a disreputable free-for-all for the Barbary pirates, who took charge of practically the entire North African coast, and ran things with a high hand for about three centuries.

In May, 1801, the Pasha of this outfit demanded that the newly formed United States of America pay him $83,000 in tribute, in line with the general custom. Great Britain had been paying big sums, purposely, to keep out trade competition. Our young Government got tired of this blackmail and sent Stephen Decatur over there, and our first naval war in the Mediterranean took place. The money wasn't paid and the blackmail system went out of fashion before long.

In 1881, Italy began to covet Libya again, especially since France had grabbed Tunis, Algeria, Morocco and a lot of the Sahara Desert. The general idea seemed to be that the Roman Empire had one owned all of this territory. Finally, in November, 1911, the areas known as Tripolitania and Cyrenacia came under Italian control. This first World War stopped active burglary.

When Mussolini started rebuilding what he thought was the modern version of the ancient Roman Empire, his thoughts naturally turned to Libya, and also to Ethiopia, the strategic transportation port of Djibouti in French Somaliland, and Tunisia, the site of ancient Carthage. He considered himself the residuary legatte of the Caesars and started in to make good.

In the meantime, he did a creditable job of colonizing. With big posters he first sold the idea to young Fascists, then got together 20,000 of them—first installment of what was to be a colony of 100,000 around Cyrene—to move across the Mediterranean. Each family had to have at least eight members and was given 30 acres of irrigated land, a four or five room modernistic house, a mule or two, some other livestock, implements and seed.

The famous Marshal Italo Balbo, who flew to Chicago during the "Century of Progress" fair and had a Chicago street named after him, was put in charge as Governor and he also did a good job.

The Italian Government built a 1200-mile highway from Egypt to Tunisia. Tripoli was modernized. The colonists began to raise wheat, barley, olives, tobacco and various vegetables, the climatic conditions being much like those of Arizona or Imperial Valley. It is mostly desert, about 360,000 square miles, and a population of 717,000 mostly Arabs.

The whole grandiose enterprise was built up around the idea of "Mare Nostrum," that the Mediterranean should resume its ancient function of being a thoroughfare for Italians. Eventually all of old Libya, including Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco, would be restored. North Africa would be the new frontier of the expanding Fascist empire. It would pour wealth into the home office at Rome. Even Egpyt, once conquered by Napoleon, and Suez would fall under Fascist rule. Great trade routes to India and the Far East would be under Italian control. Eventually Gibraltar, the Pillars of Hercules, would slip. France was to be crushed and Britain chased out. It was a great dream.

A dark incident marred the picture when Balbo died mysteriously in an airplane crash a few months ago. It was an open secret that Mussolini was jealous of Balbo. Balbo was very popular. It didn't look good. Graziani was moved in. He was supposed to be the leatherneck of the Fascist military gang. But Graziani isn't having much luck these days.

The British army is now in Libya, threatening to destroy the whole Italian army there. If Italy loses Libya, it will have suffered one of the worst disasters in all its imperial history, for Ethiopia will probably be mopped up also, and Mussolini will have to stay on his side of the Mediterranean, Caesar or no Caesar.—Elmer T. Peterson, in the Daily Oklahoman.

MUDER AND BANK ROBBERY AT GALLATIN, MISSOURN

James Boys Suspected

December 7, 1869, is a date not to be forgotten in the history of Daviess county. The robbery of the Gallatin bank and the brutal murder of the president, John W. Sheets, occured seventy-one years ago this week, but few have forgotten the tragedy and even yet there is a mystery linked with it.

Around noon on December 7, two unmasked men entered the Daviess County Savings Bank at Gallatin. The president John W. Sheets, and the only other person in the bank, a young man named McDowell, were held at the point of a gun while one of the men took several hundred dollars from the till and safe. There seems to have been no apparent reason for a murder in the robbery, but before leaving the bank, one of the men leveled his revolver and shot the president fatally through the head and chest.

An alarm was given and in the escape the bandits exchanged shots with the gathering crowd. One robber was unable to mount his horse and left the scene riding double with his partner. A short distance southwest of Gallatin they took a horse belonging to Daniel Smoot, a farmer, and fled in the direction of Kidder, near where all trace of them was lost.

The people of northwestern Missouri were horrified and threatened violence if the outlaws were caught. The horse left in Gallatin was identified as belonging to the James brothers, Frank and Jesse, who lived with their mother on a farm in Clay county. The boys had the reputation of being "desperate men, having had much experience in horse and revolver work."

Immediate steps were taken for the arrest of the James boys, John S. Thomason, deputy sheriff of Clay county, went with his son and two men from Gallatin to the James home. What happened when they rode into the farmyard is not definitely known. However, as the usual story goes, when the men approached the house, the James brothers mounted on good horses and escaped. No one was hurt in the running fight, but Thomason's horse was kiled—shot, it is said, by Jesse James. Charles S. Murray former printer and editor of the Liberty Tribune, told that Jesse later paid Oscar Thomason $125 in cash for the loss of his father's mount.

A week later, Governor McClurg ordered George W. Belt, sheriff of Platte county, to raise a company of thirty militiamen to help in the arrest of the outlaws. A reward of $3,000 was offered for their arrest and according to the Liberty Tribune of January 14, 1870, five hundred dollars of this money was pledged by the county court of Daviess county for the bodies of Frank and Jesse James taken "dead or alive." In May 1870, a Daviess county grand jury indicted the brothers for the murder of Sheets.

As time passed, the campaign became more intense, and in October, 1873, Governor Silas Woodson offered a reward of $2,000 for the "arrest and delivery of the bodies of the said Frank and Jesse James, to the sheriff of Daviess county, Missouri."

In response to this proclamation Jesse James worte the editor of the Kansas City Times on December 20, 1873, from Deer Lodge, Montana, He made a proposition that he and his brother would surrender to the governor and stand trial for the Gallatin robbery and murder if the trial would be held in some town other than Gallatin and if the governor would protect them from mob violence and not surrender them to the Iowa militia. Local historians say Woodson ignored this proposition.

It seems that the people of Gallatin never wavered in their conviction that either Frank or Jesse killed Sheets. Jesse was shot by Robert Ford, a member of his gang in St. Joseph, Missouri, on April, 3, 1882, and on October 5, Frank surrendered to Governor Thomas T. Crittenden. He was tried at Gallatin in August and September, 1883, for murder in connection with a train robbery near Winston in Davies county on July 15, 1881, but the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. The State's chief witness, was finally disqualified and all charges against him were dropped.

The tragedy of December 7, 1869, remains more or less a mystery. Although the evidence is not sufficient to tie the crime unmistakably to either of the James brothers, it is generally believed that one or both were involved.

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Rat Killing Time

Beginning with cold weather, "when crops are in the barn, so is the rat," is the experience of too many farmers who discuss this problem with Scott County Agent.

Rat control is a continuous process and not attained over night or without effort. Rat-proof all new buildings; close all openings through which rats can gain entrance; clean up shelters for rats by promptly disposing of all garbage, trash waste lumber piles. Remove waste that rats can feed on, provide covers for garbage cans. Protect natural enemies of the rat when they are not in themselves harmful; a good rat dog will often keep a farm free of rats.

Destroy rats themselves by use of poison baits, and by fumigating rate burrows and hiding places with poison gas where practical.

Red squill poison baits were effective for Scott County farmers who used them last winter. Red squill is relatively harmless to humans and domestic animals but is deadly to rats. Mix 1 oz. of powdered red squill with a little water to form a thin paste free of lumps and six thoroughly with 1 pound of ground meat, fish, or cereal flour, such as oat meal, graham, corn or bran (The meat or fish will be the most effective where the rats are feeding on corn or other cereal grains.) Divide the mixture into baits about the size of a small marble. You should have about 50 baits from this mixture. Wrap each bait in a small piece of paper or put in a small paper sack. These freshly prepared baits should be exposed late in the afternoon, in every part of the premises where rats are using. A large number of small baits is more effective than a few large ones. Leave baits out for 3 days after which all of those uneaten should be collected and destroyed.

If live rats are still to be found the baiting must be repeated in about two weeks. Pre-baiting (putting out baits contained no poison) to give the rat confidence will make the second round of poison baits more effective.

Additional information may be obtained at the local County Agent's Office.

A battle between two rabbits and a snake was recently witnessed in Texas . . . a pumper for the city water works was standing by the door of his station when he noticed a small rabbit, about one-third grown, hopping along . . . suddenly a snake grabbed the rabbit, which began to squeal . . . instantly two full-grown cottontails appeared and attacked the reptile . . . with vigorous kicks of their hind legs they forced the snake to release the baby rabbit . . . papa, mamma and baby rabbit then scurried off, while the snake scurried to cover in a nearby lumber pile.

Split, buttered, and toasted English muffins with marmalade are excelent holiday fare when relatives and friends come for a late buffet breakfast.

Allotment for New Cotton Farms

A new farm permitted acreage will be determined for 1941 cotton crop on farms that have not planted cotton in 1938, 1939 or 1940, according to Evin Burke, Chairman of the Scott County Agricultural Conservation Association. Farmers desiring an allotment established under this provision shall submit a request in writing to the County Agricultural Conservation Committee in Renton, not later than March 1, 1941.

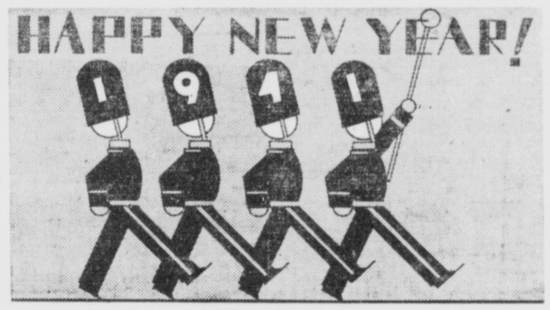
Farms on which cotton was grown in 1938, 1939 or 1940 will already have an allotment established, and, therefore, will not need to submit the written application, says Mr. Burge.

Cotton allotments on new cotton farms are established for the purpose of Cotton Marketing Quotas only and will not earn cotton payment in 1941. This new allotment cannot exceed 40 percent of the township cotton allotment average established for the township in which the farm is located.

The total allotment for the farm on which this new cotton allotment is established will be reduced by an acerage equal to 35 percent of this cotton allotment, and if this newly established total is not large enough to cover the wheat, corn and cotton allotments, the corn allotment must be reduced to take care of any excess.

BAPTIST TO HAVE NEW YEAR'S PARTY

A New Year's party will be held in the basement of the First Baptist Church Tuesday evening beginning at 8 o'clock for all the members. A program of entertainment has been planned for the first part of the evening, which will be followed by a devotional by the Rev. A. B. Cooper of Charleston.



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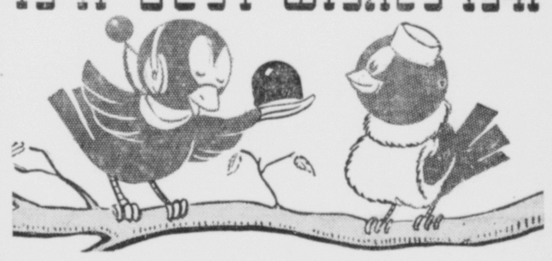

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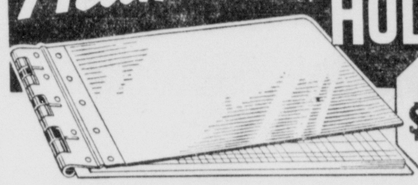

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SYNOPSIS:

Running true to form Dulcy Ward (Ann Sothern) has messed things up at the house party she arranged to sell Gordon Daly's (Ian Hunter) airplane motor to C. Roger Forbes (Roland Young) and also win Mr. Forbes' consent to a marriage between his daughter Angela (Lynn Carver) and her brother Bill (Dan Dailey, Jr.) An accidential guest who represented himself as Schuyler Van Dyke (Reginald Gardiner)—but is really the deranged brother of Homer Patterson, a Van Dyke associatehas bought an option on the motor with a worthless check. Forbes, enraged at mishaps of which he has been the victim, is about to take his family home. He's a bit worried about the motor deal.

CHAPTER SIX

"Roger, there are times when I suspect that you're out of your mind. And there are other times—like now—when I'm sure of it!" Mrs. Forbes was making the most of a wonderful opportunity. "Why did you let Mr. Van Dyke steal that motor from right out under your nose?" She'd heard Van Dyke make his dire prediction of ruin for the entire Forbes family—and she may have been thinking, too, of the night before when her husband had had some biting things to say to her.

In the living room the grandiloquent purchaser of Gordon Daly's brain child had just left him and Dulcy, with another of his strange remarks.

Dulcy was clasped in Gordon's arms when Momer Patterson entered the room.

"Er-please forgive me," he said. I'm Homer Patterson. I'm looking for Miss Ward."

"That's me," said Dulcy.

"Oh, I see. Tell me, Miss Ward, do you have a guest by the name of Schuyler Van Dyke?" the newcomer asked.

"Yes," Dulcy answered.

"Thank heavens!" Patterson said with a sigh of relief. "Permit me to explain. My story may be a bit startling. The man you know as Schuyler Van Dyke is my brother, Horace Patterson. Unfortunately, he suffers from delusions of grandeur—thinks he's a millionaire . . . goes around forming big companies. Of course, he's perfectly harmless. I'm glad I arrived before he got himself involved."

Dulcy and Gordon stared hopelessly at each other. They had tumbled out of the clouds.

Skillful wheedling on Homer Patterson's part won his brother's promise to leave the Ward lodge quietly and return at once to New York. He was reluctant to go, he said, because of the big deal he had pending.

It was just a few minutes after Forbes had tried to redeem his business judgment in the eyes of his critical wife and had been told by Dulcy that "Van Dyke" was a "loony-bug" that the airplane manufacturer encountered Homer Patterson as he left his brother's room.

"Why, Mr. Patterson! What are you doing here?" he cried. "You remember me, of course—C. Roger Forbes—Forbes Aircraft, you know."

"Oh, yes, Mr. Forbes. Glad to see you again," Patterson replied with his mind quite obviously on other things.

"The Van Dyke interests seem to keep you pretty busy . . . must be important for him to send you up here at this hour," Forbes said knowingly.

"Well—ah—just a little matter of business we simply had to clear up today," Patterson answered with the same air of reoccupation. "If you'll excuse me, Mr. Forbes—I have a phone call to make."

The minute Homer Patterson was out of sight C. Roger Forbes walked to the door of Van Dkye's room with the air of a man who had thought long and hard and arrived at a very definite conclusion.

"About this motor of Daly's, Van Dyke," he said as he entered the room. "I wonder if I might look it over. Purely professional interest, you know."

"Certainly! No trouble at all!" answered Van Dyke heartily. "I'd like to look it over again myself—it makes a wonderful breeze!"

Forbes gave a start—but he had made up his mind.

The airplane manufacturer knew his business. It was his expert hands that put Gordon's model through its paces, down in the boathouse again.

"Remarkable! I can't understand what . . . Remarkable!" he kept saying more to himself than to his companion who stood by, interested mainly in "the breeze."

"Look here, Van Dyke," Forbes said finally. "You're in no position to manufacture these motors. It means equipping a plant, costly experiments, and lots of things. With all your other interests, this probably isn't of any great importance to you. I'll tell you what I'll do—I'll give you a profit of five thousand dollars on your option."

"Do I look like a fool?" exclaimed Van Dyke indignantly. "This things's worth millions." As he remembered it, these were the exact words Dulcy had used.

"Oh!" gasped Forbes as his feathers fell—but he needn't have worried.

"Make it ten thousand and it's a deal," continued the master showman playing the game he loved so well. Forbes reached for his check book and pen.

He was writing frantically when Homer Patterson came through the door in frantic searfh of his ward.

"Wait a minute! What's going on here?" he shouted as Forbes put the paper into Van Dyke's hand and accepted another one from him.

"You're too late, Mr. Patterson," Forbes cried exultantly. "I've just bought your principal's interest in the Gordon Daly motor!"

"But you don't understand . . . there's something I'd like to explain," continued Patterson.

"There's nothing to explain, Mr. Patterson," Forbes rejoined shortly. "You're a pretty shrewd lawyer but you can't get around this." The paper he waved was the transfer of option he had written for Van Dyke to sign.

Patterson shrugged his shoulders. "Let me see that check," he said, turning to his brother.

It duly and legally transferred ten thousand dollars from C. Roger Forbes to Schuyler Van Dyke.

"You're perfectly satisfied with your deal, Forbes? . . . This motor is a good thing?" he said.

"I'm perfectly satisfied—and I guess you know how good a thing this motor is," Forbes answered triumphantly.

"Well, Schuyler," said Patterson addressing his brother. "This check will pay for your airplane. Come along."

The airplane manufacturer had a little more crowing to do.

"My dear Miss Ward," he said when he met Dulcy and Gordon a few minutes later. "I just want you to know that all your trickery has been of no avail. I've just bought Mr. Van Dyke's option on Mr. Daly's motor. You ought to know better than to match wits with a man who has been in business all his life. How in the world did you expect me to swallow the story that Mr. Van Dyke was insane? I happen to know Homer Patterson and I know he doesn't go 'round chasing lunatics."

Once more both Dulcy and Gordon stood aghast. Dulcy was the first to speak.

"But Mr. Van Dkye must have been crazy," she said. "He paid Gordon ten thousand dollars and besides gave him a twenty-one per cent royalty."

"Twenty-one per cent! That's impossible!" exclaimed Forbes wideeyed.

"Oh, no, it isn't! I remember—because twenty-one is my lucky number," Dulcy replied with a sincerity that made Gordon marvel.

"That's all right, Mr. Forbes," he interjected. "You don't have to—"

"Oh, no you don't. You can't squeeze me out now!" Forbes fumed. "If Van Dyke's crazy—then I'm crazy too. I'll pay the twenty-one per cent."

Gordon continued to look like a man in a trance as Forbes left him and Dulcy on a garden seat near the dock.

He saw Henry come up from the lake leading Sneezy by the hand. "Don't tell nobody we been gowin' 'round in circles—they'll think we're nuts," he heard Henry say. "But I guess we did all right by keepin' outta the way." This mysterious speech didn't help to clear his mind.

Finally, the light seemed to break. He took Dulcy's hand. "I see it all now, darling," he said. "After exerything else failed you told Forbes Van Dyke was crazy so that when he saw Patterson here he'd think we were trying to put something over on him—which is exactly what happened. That was a great bit of thinking, dear."

"But, Gordon, I didn't!" was Dulcy's completely befuddled answer.

"No need to side step to make way for me," Gordon laughed. "You put the whole deal over—and nobody else."

"I don't know what you're talking about—I don't know what anybody's talking about," Little Miss Fix-it cried in impotent denial.

Brother Bill was with the Forbes family when they came down from the lodge to their waiting boat.

"Goodbye, Angela!" Dulcy called, " . . . and Bill, are you going to?"

"Yeah—I'm in the family again," Bill answered. "I don't know what you said or did—I don't even want to know. All I'm sure of is — it must have been unconscious."

As the guests and Bill slid out on the quiet waters of the lake, Gordon took Dulcy in his arms.

"Listen, darling," he said tenderly. "From now on, I wish you'd let me in on your plans."

"Oh, Gordon," she answered as she clung close, to revel in the protection of his strength. "From now on I have no more plans. I never interfere in anything again as long as I live."

"Fine, darling, that's perfect," said Gordon—but he wondered at the sparkle he saw growing in his bride-to-be's eyes as she looked out after the departing launch.

"Oh, Gordon! I've just thought of the most marvelous idea," she exploded. "You know Eleanor Forbes isn't really very happy with Mr. Forbes—and I thought that next week-end . . . "

THE END

Home Owners Forum

By ABNER GORDON

Based on the fact that paint will not set well under freezing conditions, home owners frequently believe exterior painting to be impossible during the winter months. However, weather statistics contradict this belief revealing many fair days—even weeks—with moderate tmperatures from November to April when paint may be applied with security, freeing Spring days for other activities.

With the heavy dews and frost common to winter nights, painting should be confined to the hours around noon, so that the early morning sun has time to dry out the surface before work is begun. Likewise, the temperature is more likely to be near or above the recognized painting minimum of 50° F. between the hours of ten and three. If the thermometer drops suddenly work should cease, or the hours be restricted accordingly.

Although slight variations are essential from standard warm weather formulas, winter painting follows the same application procedure. Sufficient extra turpentine is required to maintain brushing consistency, while an increase in the liquid drier will expedite the drying of the paint film.

The tenacity and elasticity of the paint ar the major factors determining the durability and decorative quality of winter work. For this reason, the best results are obtained by those who mix their paint on the job from soft paste white lead and pure vehicle ingredients, the better to regulate the additional thinner and drier according to climatic requirements.

Q.—Suggest a method for removing whitewash from the interior face of a stone foundation.

A.—Whitewash can be readily removed by scrubbing stone briskly with a weak mixture of household ammonia and hot water.

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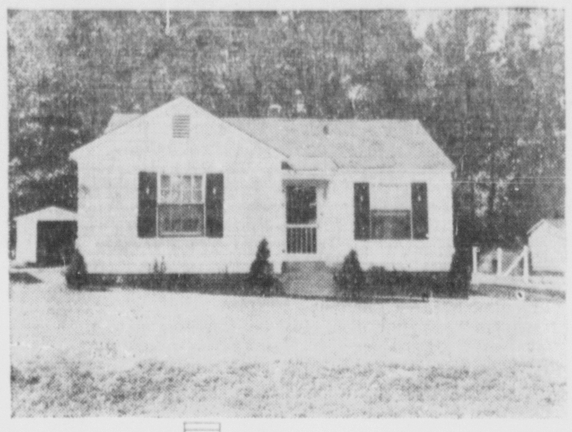

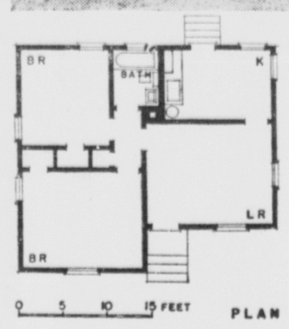

This small home contains two bedrooms, living room, kitchen, and bath. In order to economize, the dining room has been omitted and the living room is so arranged that it can do double duty and serve as a dining room during meal hours. Valued at $2,900, this property was financed with a mortgage of $2,600 insured by the Federal Housing Administration. Monthly payments on a 25-year mortgage of this amount, exclusive of local taxes and hazard insurance, amount to about $15.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 23.—State road projects, included in the letting held last Friday, follow:

Stoddard County—State Road No. 25, 3.364 miles graded earth, cement stabilization and asphaltic concrete, Cape Girardeau county line south through Advance. Low bid and bidder, Markham & Brown, Cape Girardeau, Mo., $96,429.20.

Butler County—U. S. Route 67, 11½ miles of graded earth, 22 ft. concrete and roadside improvement, from Route 14 south of Poplar Bluff toward Arkansas state line. Low bid and bidder: Koss Construction Co., Des Moines, Iowa, and Clark Kearney and Stark, St. Louis, Mo., $404,801.13. (combination bid.)

Included are also two bridges over the Epps Drainage canal.

TABLE TURNING DEPARTMENT

When a fish eats a bird, that's news . . . a Texas game warden recently saw such a turning of the tables . . . a bass made one futile leap towards a tree overhanging the water in which a bird was perched . . . the second time, however, the bass caught the bird and disappeared into the depths of the Devil's River where the drama of nature took place . . . not long after, the same warden discovered a five-pound largemouth bass which had hanged itself by the gills on a twig of an overhanging tree . . . the warden believes this fish also, had been trying to catch a bird.

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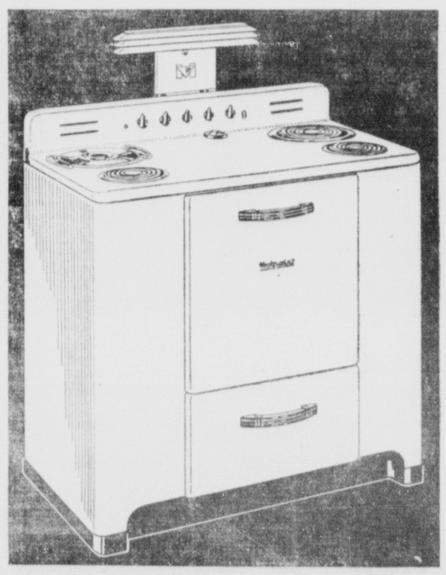

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PERSONALS

Mrs. E. C. Matthews was the guest of her brother, W. F. Bergmann at the annual Christmas dinner given by the Rotary Club of Cape Girardeau, Saturday evening at the Marquette Hotel.

Miss Jane Greer, Kinnard Dillon, of Morehouse and Moore Greer Jr., motored to Moorehead, Miss., Christmas afternoon, where they were guests at a party that evening. They were accompanied to Sikeston Thursday night by Miss Carolyn Riddell of Moorehead, who is a holiday guest in the Greer home.

Mrs. Anna Winchester spent Christmas and the week end with her daughter, Mrs. John Stokes and family in Mayfield, Ky. She returned to Sikeston Monday, accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. Stokes and their two children, Ann and John Jr., who will visit her until Thursday.

Miss Jane Greer was hostess at a bunking party Monday night which is an annual event for a group of her friends.

Mr. and Mrs. William Corrigan and son returned Sunday from St. Louis where they visited Mrs. Corrigan's aunt, Miss Nelle Sullivan.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Yanson, daughter, Miss Nell, and son, Charles, were guests of Mrs. Yanson's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Edminston in Paragould, Ark., Christmas day.

Miss Helen Fisher entertained informally at her home in Morehouse last Thursday night, honoring her brother, Cadet Roger Fisher of the U. S. Military Academy, who is home for the holidays.

Mrs. G. P. Van Arsdale Jr., was hostess at a dessert-bridge last Friday afternoon at her suburban home, complimenting a group of college girls who are spending the holidays in Sikeston.

Eugenia Potashnick is visiting her cousins, Ann and Mary Potashnick, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Potashnick in Cape Girardeau.

Mr. and Mrs. Duree Medley had as overnight guests in their home last Thursday, Mrs. Jack Scanlin of Blytheville, Ark., and Mr. and Mrs. Andrea Vorgeau of Winter Park, Fla.

Bob Dover left last Thursday for San Diego, Calif., where he was transferred by the U. S. Navy from Pensacola, Fla.

Mrs. Robert Lillard of Arlington, Ky., was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. C. D. Matthews III Monday night and expects to leave this Tuesday for San Diego, Calif., to visit her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Reece Lillard.

Miss Olga Matthews entertained the following guests at dinner in her home last Thursday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Duree Medley, Mr. and Mrs. Andrea Vourgeau of Winter Park, Fla., Mrs. Jack Scanlin of Blytheville, Ark., and Joe Matthews Jr.

Cadet Joe Dover, who spent Christmas week in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dover, left Saturday morning for Jefferson City to be the guest of Miss Dorothy Means. He also visited friends in Fayette and Salisbury, and St. Louis, before leaving Monday for the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. Cadet Dover and Cadet Frank Waddell of East St. Louis made their return trip to the Academy by airplane.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young Jr., who were married in Cape Girardeau on Dec. 19, returned from their wedding trip for Christmas dinner with the former's parents, and departed that evening for their home in Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Lon Nall spent Sunday in Caruthersville as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davis. She was accompanied to Sikeston by Mrs. Davis, who will visit her for a week.

Miss Helen Vera Dudley was hostess at a dinner Sunday to the following guests, Miss Electa Shankle, Miss Martha Lou Dorris of Illmo, Miss Gwendolyn Kirk, Miss Ruth Hollingsworth, Miss Lucille Hahs, Miss Emily Kendall, Miss Lois Hahs and Miss Becky Rockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Uht of La Belle, Mo., are visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Uht for several weeks.

Miss Ruth Evelyn Reed returned to her home in St. Louis Monday after visiting her aunt, Mrs. Ruth Malone, for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Jones will spend New Year's Eve and the following day in Cape Girardeau with Mrs. Jones' delatives.

Miss Esther Jane Greeer, Miss Mary Jane Sikes, Roger Fisher, Edward Matthews, Charles Tanner and Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey attended a formal dance at the Cape Girardeau Country Club Monday night, Dec. 23, given by Mrs. R. B. Oliver in honor of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Oliver Jr., of Dallas, Texas, and her son, Jack Oliver.

Roy and Jimmy Nall went to St. Louis Saturday to visit their mother, Mrs. Thelma Nall for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Moore Greer, daughter, Miss Jane, and son, Moore Jr., were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Van Horne at the Dunn Hotel Christmas day.

Miss Martha Lou Dorris of Illmo was the week end guest of Miss Electa Shankle. Saturday night, Miss Shankle entertained the following guests in compliment to Miss Dorris, Miss Nina Vern Taylor, Miss Marie Lewis, Miss Mary Lou Schroff, Miss Eleanor Righter, Miss Helen Vera Dudley, Mrs. Hugh McCollum, Miss Mary Helen Wagner and Mrs. Royal McKinney.

Charlie Keith, local painter, was struck by a Hitt Taxi Saturday night, knocking him down, breaking his leg. He was taken to the Sikeston Hospital in the Albritton ambulance for medical attention.

Mrs. Mary Hicks, of New Madrid, was removed from the home of her son-in-law, Carl Miller in Sikeston to her home in the Albritton ambulance along with the baby girl of ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartley R. Schwegler spent Sunday in Memphis, Tenn., as guests of Mrs. Schwegler's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly.

Mrs. Lewis Flewelling entertained at a bridge party last Friday night, at which the out-of-town guests were Mrs. Fred Rodman and Mrs. Jack Harty of Jefferson City. Mrs. Rodman, who is spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kendall, expects to return to her home Wednesday. Mr. Rodman will come to Sikeston and accompany her to their home.

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Mrs. Bert Engram entertained at a surprise dinner Sunday, complimenting her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Vance Engram, on her birth anniversary. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Vance Engram, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Vaughn, Miss Dorothy and Virgil Vaughn and Mrs. Sadie York.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kendall entertained their family at dinner on Christmas day. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rodman of Jefferson City, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Flewelling and Mr. and Mrs. Tharan Stallings and son, Charles of Sikeston.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gardner entertained at a dinner Christmas day for the following guests: Mrs. A. E. Shankle, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Gardner, Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Layton and son, Tommy of Puxico, Mrs. Robbins and son, Carl, of Gray's Ridge. The party drove to Lilbourn that evening to visit with Mr. Gardner's mother, Mrs. Mary Gardner.

Mrs. Sadie York had as Christmas dinner guests at her home near Miner, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Engram, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Engram, Mrs. Norah Holton, Frankie Engram, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Hardin of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ensor of Osceola, Ark., and Mr. and Mrs. Warren York and children.

Miss Treva York went to St. Louis Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Hardin for a week.

Mrs. Walter Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. Tharon Stallings and son, Charles, Mrs. Fred Rodman and Mrs. Lewis Flewelling were in Cape Girardeau Monday afternoon.

TAKEN IN AMBULANCE

Jonas Sullivan was taken from the Bill Cole farm north of Sikeston to Mrs. Haley's residence on Fletcher, Saturday in the Ellise ambulance. Mrs. Haley is a relative of the sick man.

NEW YEAR'S DAY TO BE QUIET HERE

The bank, postoffice and places of business generally will close on New Year's day. No other plans have been made public for celebrating the occasion, although several watch parties will be held to speed the old year out and the new one in.

EDWARDS STORE ROBBED SAT. NITE

About $35 in cash, cigars and cigarettes and other articles were taken from the Edward's Store on Highway 60 in Morehouse Saturday night, when burglars broke into the building. John O. Edwards of Sikeston owns the general store and gas station operated in connection with it, and his brother, Jack Edwards, assists in the management. No clues had been found Monday.

MOREHOUSE MAN BURIED SUNDAY

Harry Lem Aldridge died Friday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Aldridge in Morehouse, of pneumonia. He was born Oct. 28, 1922. Services were held Sunday afternoon at the Pentecostal Church in Morehouse with the Rev. Brack officiating, and burial was made in Memorial Cemetery in Sikeston, with Ellise service.

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FATHER OF HYBRID CORN HONORED

Dr. George Harrison Shull (left), professor of botany at Princeton University, recently honored as the "Father of Hybrid Corn" by the DeKalb Agricultural Assn., with headquarters at DeKalb, Ill., Dr. Shull started his corn hybridization experiments in 1905. Since then agricultural experiment station scientists and independent corn breeders have advanced the work until today, hybrid corn is raised on more than half the total corn acreage in the corn belt. With Dr. Shull is William Mentjes of Le Sueur county, Minnesota, who holds the trophy just awarded him as 1940 Grand champion in the National DeKalb Hybrid Corn Growing Contest. The remarkable yield of 157.69 bushels per acre which gave Mr. Mentjes the championship was made possible through Dr. Shull's experiments 35 years ago.

Sikeston General Hospital

G. C. Miller entered the hospital on Friday, Dec. 27 for medical treatment.

Charles Allen Cook was transferred here from the Ironton Hospital on Thursday, Dec. 26 for treatment for injuries received in an automobile accident.

Mrs. Ruth Heinemann underwent an operation at the hospital Monday morning.

SERVICES FOR KEWANEE MAN

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Baptist Church in Lilbourn for John Coffee, 74, who died at his home in Kewanee Thursday night. He had lived in Kewanee for the past six years and had spent his entire life in that vicinity. Interment was made at Mounds Park with Ellise Service.

Surviving are the widow, two sons, Jerry and Andy of Los Angeles, Calif., and six daughters, Miss Lucille Coffee of Kewanee, Mrs. Elbert Middleton of Lilbourn, Mrs. Leonard Radcliffe of Matthews, Mrs. Pete Weeks of Lilbourn, Mrs. Sally Chambers of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Jewell Ditto of Sikeston.

HAS TONSILS REMOVED

Edward Noonan, older son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Noonan, underwent a tonsillectomy under Dr. H. E. Reuber Sunday morning.

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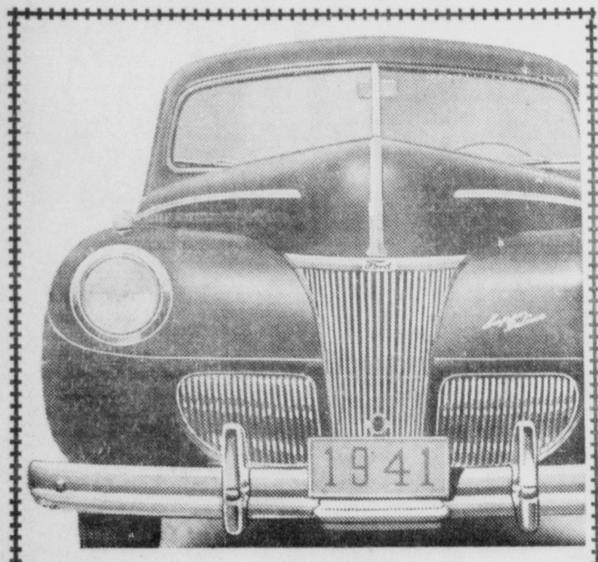

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